

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains)	
Energy Incorporated for Approval of its)	Case No. EM-2017-0226
Acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc.)	

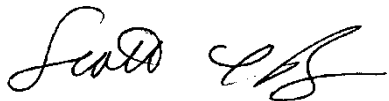
NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: May 16, 2017

On May 11, 2017, I participated in the Credit Suisse Access Event: Conference Call with Missouri PSC Commissioner Scott T. Rupp hosted by Michael Weinstein, US Power & Utilities Research. The topic of the conference call was my thoughts on the current regulatory environment in Missouri, on-going efforts and initiatives to reform the regulatory structure in the state, and my views on the role of the regulated utilities in the state in delivering reliable and affordable services to customers in Missouri. However, during the call Mr. Weinstein asked me if I saw any benefits in the proposed merger between Great Plains Energy Incorporated and Westar Energy Inc. I informed Mr. Weinstein that while the procedural schedule had been suspended at the request of the parties that it was still a pending matter before the Missouri Public Service Commission, so I could not discuss the merits of that merger case specifically.

This Notice is filed pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020 relating to extra record communications.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott T. Rupp
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
On this 16th day of May, 2017