

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

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains)
Energy Incorporated for Approval of its Merger)
With Westar Energy, Inc.)

Case No. EM-2018-0012

STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and in compliance with the Commission’s *Order Directing Filing* issued on March 8, 2018, states that, due to the *Objections* of Renew Missouri and KEPCo, all of the issues presented on the *List of Issues* filed on February 28, 2018, remain for determination by hearing.

All of the parties have waived examination of witnesses Brosch, Chriss and Hardesty. Otherwise, Staff advises the Commission to follow the *List and Order of Witnesses, Order of Opening Statements, and Order of Cross-Examination* filed on February 28, 2018.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this response to the *Order Directing Filing* issued on March 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **9th day of March, 2018**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

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