

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

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

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE
OF THE LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

COMES NOW the Laborers' International Union of North America ("LiUNA"), and its affiliated District Councils and Local Unions in Missouri, by and through counsel, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, and respectfully applies for intervention as a party in above-captioned case. In support of this application, LiUNA states as follows:

1. LiUNA is one of the most progressive and strongest unions in the country, headquartered at 905 16th Street, Northwest Washington 20006, with Regional Headquarters at 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 525, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Over 500,000 strong, LiUNA is the eighth largest labor organization in America, representing a skilled and diverse workforce. Laborers are construction workers, government workers, health care providers, industrial employees, service workers, and educators. Members of LiUNA reside and work throughout Missouri, including within the Missouri service territories and regions impacted by the transaction that is the subject of the Joint Application in this case. The interest of LiUNA and its members in this matter is unique and different than the general public interest.

2. The Joint Applicants are asking this Commission for regulatory relief surrounding a transaction whereby Great Plains Energy (which owns and controls Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations) would acquire Westar Energy. LiUNA has a significant interest in the subject matter of this merger proceeding, and its members will be affected by any order entered by the Commission in this case. LiUNA reserves the right to state its opinions in more detail regarding whether the relief requested in this case would serve the public interest, pending its further investigation and review of the matter.

3. Correspondence, communications, orders and the decision in this matter should be addressed to: John B. Coffman, John B. Coffman LLC, 871 Tuxedo Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63119-2044, Ph: (573) 424-6779, E-mail: john@johncoffman.net

4. LiUNA believes that its intervention and participation in this proceeding would serve the public interest, and wishes to become a party to this case for all purposes.

WHEREFORE, LiUNA respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Application to Intervene, entitling it to fully participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all parties listed on the official service list on this 1st day of March, 2017.

/s/ John B. Coffman
