

# 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 Merger ) **File No. EM-2018-0012**  
with Westar Energy, Inc. )

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING INTERVENTION DATE AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: September 6, 2017

Effective Date: September 6, 2017

On August 31, 2017, Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“GPE”), Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCPL”), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”), and Westar Energy, Inc. (“Westar”) (collectively, “Applicants”) filed a joint application asking the Commission to approve a transaction in which Westar and GPE will merge through formation of a new holding company and the exchange of stock by shareholders of both Westar and GPE. GPE is a Missouri corporation and the holding company for the stock of KCPL and GMO, which are public utilities operating in Missouri. Westar is a Kansas corporation operating as an electric public utility in that state.

The Commission will direct that notice of the filing be given to potentially interested persons and entities. The Commission will also establish a deadline for the filing of applications to intervene. Applicants have requested a procedural conference be scheduled at the earliest opportunity, so the Commission will grant that request.

The Commission notes that Section 393.190.1, RSMo 2016, requires the Commission to notify the county clerk of the counties within KCPL and GMO’s operating territories of the effect the merger would have on the tax revenues of the various political

subdivisions within the service territories. The Commission hereby notifies those political subdivisions that the Applicants represent that the proposed merger will have no material impact on the tax revenues of the Missouri political subdivisions in which any of the structures, facilities, or equipment of GPE, KCPL, and GMO are located, although a decrease in earnings or income tax revenues may occur as certain employee positions are not filled.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county in the service territory of Kansas City Power & Light Company, and to the parties to Kansas City Power & Light Company's most recent electric rate case, File No. ER-2016-0285.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county in the service territory of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and to the parties to KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company's most recent electric rate case, File No. ER-2016-0156.

3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of the service areas of Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and to the news media serving the residents of those service areas.

4. Any proper person or entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than September 27, 2017.

5. A procedural conference shall be held on Monday, October 2, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

6. Any party that wants to participate in the conference by telephone may do so by calling **877-820-7831** and entering the access code **35666479#** at the time set for the beginning of the conference.

7. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.



  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**September 6, 2017**

**File/Case No. EM-2018-0012**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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