BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

File No. EM-2018-0012

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW Tim Opitz, Chief Deputy Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel:

1. Effective today, November 30, 2017, I have resigned my position in the Office of Public Counsel. At this time, I am listed as counsel in the above-captioned matter. I am filing this Notice in each case in which I was listed as counsel, because I will no longer be part of the Office of Public Counsel.

2. The Office of Public Counsel will continue to be represented by counsel assigned to the case.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully submit this Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Tim Opitz</u>

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 30th day of November 2017.

/s/ Tim Opitz
