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Energy Incorporated for) File No. EM-2018-0012
Approval of its Merger With)
Westar Energy, Inc.)

MICHAEL BUSHMANN Presiding,
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PROCEEDINGS

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2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Good morning. Today is
3 October 2, 2017. It's approximately ten o'clock a.m.
4 The Commission has set this time for a Procedural
5 Conference in the case captioned as: In the Matter of
6 the Application of Great Plains Energy Incorporated for
7 Approval of its Merger with Westar Energy Incorporated,
8 File No. EM-2018-0012.

9 My name is Michael Bushmann. I'm the
10 Regulatory Law Judge in this matter. We will begin
11 with attorneys making their entries of appearance.

12 For Great Plains Energy Incorporated.

13 MR. FISCHER: Yes, Judge. Let the record
14 reflect the appearance of Robert J. Hack and James
15 Fischer on behalf of Great Plains Energy Incorporated,
16 Kansas City Power and Light and KCP&L Greater Missouri
17 Operations Company. Our contact information has been
18 given to the court reporter.

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, Mr. Fischer.
20 Westar Energy.

21 MR. BREGMAN: Your Honor, I'm Martin J.
22 Bregman, appearing on behalf of Westar Energy, Inc.
23 I've also provided a written entry of appearance for
24 the court reporter.

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Commission

1 Staff.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Kevin Thompson for the Staff
3 of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office
4 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Office of Public Counsel.

6 I don't see anybody.

7 Missouri Division of Energy.

8 MR. LANAHAN: Michael Lanahan on the line on
9 behalf of the Missouri Division of Energy.

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Midwest Energy Consumers
11 Group.

12 MR. WOODSMALL: David Woodsmall on behalf of
13 the Midwest Energy Consumers Group.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Renew Missouri.

15 MR. LINHARES: Thank you, Judge. Andrew
16 Linhares on behalf of Renew Missouri. It's 409
17 Vandiver, Building 5, Suite 205, Columbia, Missouri
18 65202.

19 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Brightergy, LLC.

20 MR. ZELLERS: Thank you, Judge. Andrew J.
21 Zellers for Brightergy, LLC.

22 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Missouri Industrial Energy
23 Consumers.

24 No response.

25 Missouri Joint Municipal Electrical Utility

1 Commission.

2 MR. JARRETT: Terry Jarrett and Peggy Whipple
3 on behalf of MJMEUC. Our contact information has been
4 supplied to the court reporter.

5 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Kansas Electric
6 Power Cooperative.

7 MS. MOORE: Yes, Judge. Susan Henderson
8 Moore of Polsinelli on behalf of Bill Riggins, myself,
9 Frank Caro, and Andrew Schulte on behalf of the Kansas
10 Electric Power Cooperative, and I'll be providing my
11 information.

12 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Thank you. Sierra
13 Club.

14 MR. ROBERTSON: For Sierra Club and Natural
15 Resources Defense Council, Henry Robertson, Great
16 Rivers Environmental Law Center, 319 North Fourth
17 Street, Suite 800, St. Louis, 63102.

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. City of
19 Independence.

20 MS. ROBY: Good morning, Judge. This is
21 Debra Roby with Jennings, Strouss and Salmon on behalf
22 of the City of Independence, Missouri. I have a Motion
23 of Admission for hac vice pending.

24 I would also like to enter the appearance of
25 Dayla Bishop Schwartz, City Attorney for the City.

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. And Consumers
2 Council of Missouri.

3 No response.

4 All right. Have I missed anybody?

5 Very good. First of all, there -- there are
6 some pending applications to intervene that have not
7 been ruled on filed by MJMEUC, Kansas Electric Power
8 Cooperative, Sierra Club, NRDC, City of Independence,
9 and Consumers Council. Are there any objections to
10 those applications to intervene?

11 Hearing none, I will grant intervention to
12 those parties and I will also issue a notice later
13 documenting the fact that I just granted intervention.

14 Next, Great Plains and Westar filed with
15 their application, a Motion for Approval to present the
16 two company's CEOs at the evidentiary hearing together
17 as a panel, and not as individual witnesses, and no
18 party has objected so far. Are there any objections to
19 that request?

20 MR. WOODSMALL: Not so much an objection at
21 this point, more an inquiry as to how it works; it's
22 somewhat different for Missouri. If I had a question
23 for one of them, rather than both of them, could I ask
24 a question directed at one single witness or is it
25 direct at the panel?

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Well, I'll let the company
2 respond as to how they intended that to work.

3 MR. HACK: The intent would be that if a
4 lawyer had a question or a commissioner, for one
5 witness specifically, then -- then obviously, that
6 would be fine.

7 MR. WOODSMALL: I don't have any objection.

8 JUDGE BUSHMANN: All right. Although it's
9 unusual, I -- I will grant that, and also include that
10 in the notice. We'll have to maybe think about the
11 logistics of how that would work at the actual hearing
12 and -- and maybe deal with that later once -- if we
13 need to at that point, but at this point, the request
14 is granted.

15 MR. HACK: Thank you, Judge.

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: The only thing I have was to
17 ask Great Plains to file a proposed procedural schedule
18 on behalf of all the parties no later than
19 October 12th, and that proposed procedural schedule
20 would include the usual case events, but should also
21 include the filing of a joint stipulation of non-
22 disputed material facts. That would help, I think,
23 speed up the hearing process.

24 Do any of the parties have any matters or
25 other issues that they need to raise at this point?

1 I don't hear anything, so in that case, I
2 think that's concluded the part of the conference that
3 needs to be on the record. We'll go off the record.

4 (Record was closed at 10:07 a.m.)
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