

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 8th day
of March, 2017.

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

File No. EM-2017-0226, et al.

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: March 8, 2017

Effective Date: March 8, 2017

On February 23, 2017,¹ Great Plains Energy Incorporated (GPE) submitted an application requesting the Commission's approval of its acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc. The Commission issued an order setting a deadline for the filing of applications to intervene. On March 1, the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo) filed a timely Motion to Intervene. KEPCo is a non-profit generation and transmission cooperative with its principal place of business in Topeka, Kansas. KEPCo has 19 Kansas rural electric cooperative member systems and is a joint owner with Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCP&L), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission of the Iatan Generating Plant in Platte County, Missouri. KEPCo is also a joint owner with KCP&L and Westar of the Wolf Creek Generating Station.

The Commission finds that KEPCo has an interest in this case that differs from those of the general public that may be adversely affected by a final order in this case.

¹ All calendar references are to 2017.

Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing KEPCo to intervene will serve the public interest. Consistent with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the Commission will therefore grant KEPCo's Motion to Intervene.

On March 2, the United States Department of Energy (the "Department") filed an Application to Intervene on its behalf, as well as that of all other affected Federal Executive Agencies (FEA).² The Department was delegated the authority to represent all FEA located in the KCP&L service territory. The Department operates at the Bannister Federal Complex, an industrial facility in Kansas City, Missouri. The Department states that it expected that the Bannister Federal Complex will consume electric power in the fiscal 2017 year worth an estimated \$2.5 million.

The Commission finds that the Department has an interest in this case that differs from those of the general public that may be adversely affected by a final order in this case. Furthermore, the Commission finds that allowing the Department to intervene will serve the public interest. Consistent with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the Commission will therefore grant the Department's Application to Intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.'s Motion to Intervene is granted.
2. The United States Department of Energy's Application to Intervene is granted.

² Counsel for the Department, Rishi Garg, states that he is admitted to practice before the courts in the State of Illinois and the District of Columbia. Mr. Garg indicated that he will in the future petition for leave to appear *pro hac vice* in this matter.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "W".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge.

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 8th day of March 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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