

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

In the Matter of Great Plains Energy, Inc.'s)	
Acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc.,)	File No. EM-2016-0324
and Related Matters)	

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: October 5, 2016

Effective Date: October 5, 2016

The Commission opened this file to accommodate Staff's investigation into the proposed acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc., by Great Plains Energy, Inc. Staff filed a report regarding that investigation on July 25, 2016, in which Staff offered its opinion that the Commission should assert jurisdiction over the transaction. Great Plains Energy, Inc., responded by asserting that the Commission has no such jurisdiction. In its order closing this file, issued on August 3, 2016, the Commission indicated it would not make any ruling on any questions in this file and invited Staff, or any other party, to file a complaint to initiate a contested case in which those questions could be addressed. Since that order was issued and this case was closed, the Commission has not received any further filings from either Staff, Great Plains Energy, Inc., or any other party about these matters.

So that the Commission can be kept apprised of developments, it will order Staff to make a filing regarding its intent to pursue a complaint against Great Plains Energy, Inc., or an agreement by the parties on the transaction, or a status update. The Commission emphasizes that it is not ordering its Staff to file a complaint, but is merely seeking information.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than October 12, 2016, the Commission's Staff shall file a status report regarding its intent to pursue a complaint against Great Plains Energy, Inc., regarding its acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of October, 2016.

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 5th day of October 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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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