

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

In the Matter of Great Plains Energy, Inc.'s)
Acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc., and)
Related Matters)

Case No. EM-2016-0324

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Response* to the Commission's order of October 5, 2016, states that it has reached an agreement¹ with Great Plains Energy and Kansas City Power & Light Company and, therefore, will not be filing a complaint. Staff states further that the agreement it has negotiated provides important protections and safeguards for Missouri ratepayers and avoids the uncertainty and expense of protracted litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See: Case No. EE-2017-0113

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 12th day of October, 2016, on the Public Counsel and on counsel for GPE, KCPL and GMO.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson