BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Great Plains Energy Incorporated for) Case No. EM-2018-0012 Approval of its Merger with Westar Energy, Inc.)

CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF MISSOURI'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM EVIDENTIARY HEARING

COMES NOW the Consumers Council of Missouri ("Consumers Council"), pursuant to 4 CSR § 240-2.110(2)(B), asks to be excused from the evidentiary hearing in this case. Consumers Council filed no prepared testimony and waives all crossexamination for the witnesses testifying this week.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or handdelivered to all parties listed on the official service list on this 11th day of March 2018.

/s/ John B. Coffman