

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) and Great Plains Energy Incorporated (GPE), parent of Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L), have filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) to merge as equals. If the application is approved, KCP&L and Westar will become wholly owned subsidiaries of a new parent company.

If approved, the combined company will have more than 1.5 million customers in Kansas and Missouri, nearly 13,000 megawatts of generation capacity, almost 10,000 miles of transmission lines and over 51,000 miles of distribution lines. In addition, more than 45 percent of the combined utility's retail customer demand can be met with emission-free energy.

The Commission will decide whether to approve the merger based upon whether the Commission finds the merger promotes the public interest. The Commission will evaluate any possible effects on customers, operational cost savings, competition in the market for electricity, labor dislocations, environmental impacts and any other relevant issues, in making its determination. Westar and KCP&L customers are invited to provide comments regarding these issues.

Public hearing

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing to provide Westar and KCP&L customers an opportunity to learn more about the proposed merger, ask questions and make comments about the proposal. The public hearing is scheduled for:

Monday, January 22, 2018, at 6 p.m. CST

Washburn Institute of Technology, Main Conference Center, Building A

5724 SW Huntoon, Topeka, Kansas 66604

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Members of the public can attend the hearing in person or watch a live broadcast of the hearing on the Commission's website: www.kcc.ks.gov. In the event of technical difficulty or for those unable to watch live, a recording of the hearing will be available on the Commission's website beginning January 29. Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under The Americans with Disabilities Act needs to provide notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing by calling 800-662-0027.

Public comments

The Commission will accept comments regarding the proposed merger through March 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. CST. There are three convenient ways to submit a comment:

1. Go to the Commission's website (www.kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters) to enter your comment
2. Send a written letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027. Be sure to reference Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER
3. Call the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027

An evidentiary hearing on the merger application is scheduled to begin on March 19, 2018 at 9 a.m. CST at the Commission's offices, 1500 SW Arrowhead, Topeka, Kansas. The Commission is scheduled to issue its decision by June 5, 2018.

A complete copy of GPE, KCP&L and Westar's application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website (www.kcc.ks.gov) by searching docket filings for Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER. If you need additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027 or public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov.