

# **PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD**

## **ON WESTAR ENERGY, INC. REQUEST FOR \$31.7 MILLION INCREASE**

Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) filed an application on April 15, 2013, with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission or KCC) requesting a revenue increase of \$31.7 million.

### **Public Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning the proposed revenue increase for which Westar has requested. This hearing will provide more information about the proposal and provide an opportunity for customers to present testimony or comments for the Commission's review.

The public hearing will take place in two parts. First, during the question and answer period, representatives of Westar, the KCC Staff, and CURB will be available to answer customers' questions pertaining to the proposal. In the second part of the hearing, customers will be allowed to make formal statements to the Commission.

The public hearing regarding Westar's proposed increase will be held:

#### **Monday, July 1, 2013, 6 p.m.**

Wichita State University  
Fred Sudermann Commons (Room 132)  
Eugene M. Hughes Metro Complex  
5015 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North  
Wichita, KS 67220

#### **Thursday, July 11, 2013, 6 p.m.**

Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd.  
Topeka, KS 66604

\*Or by video conference at these three sites:

**Salina** – K-State Salina Campus  
College Center Conference Room,  
2310 Centennial Rd.

**Pittsburg** – Pittsburg State University  
Kansas Technology Center, Room S110,  
909 E Ford St.  
Pittsburg, KS 66762

**Hutchinson** – Hutchinson Community College  
Shears Technology Center, Justice Theater, Room STC210  
1300 N. Plum St.  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

The Commission will accept written comments from the public through September 23, 2013. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No.13-WSEE-629-RTS and should be

sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to the Commission at [public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov).

A complete copy of Westar's application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website at: <http://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/portal/kcc/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=bd3e9b41-5be6-4018-a5aa-cc868f39af85>

The KCC has until December 2, 2013 to make a decision on the proposed revenue increase.

### **Westar Energy Requesting a Revenue Increase of \$31.7 Million**

Westar Energy has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) requesting a \$31.7 million (1.7%) revenue increase for Westar Energy's retail electric customers. Westar Energy's application indicates the increase relates to costs incurred to meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements partially offset by decreased operational expense. Westar Energy's filing is a follow-up to its 2011 full rate review.

Westar Energy is also proposing a rebalancing of costs among customer types. Under Westar's proposal, Residential bills will increase \$62 million (8.77%) and Small General Service bills will increase \$21.5 million (6.18%) while Medium General Service bills will decrease \$18.5 million (6.00%), High Load Factor industrial bills will decrease \$17.4 million (8.38%), Public School bills will decrease \$3.6 million (7.61%) and two special contract customers' combined bills will decrease \$10.6 million (15.10%).

Residential customers with average monthly consumption of 900 kilowatt hours of electricity would have an average monthly increase of \$7.50.

Westar also proposes to offer rate discounts to business customers through an economic development fund. The economic development fund will divert a portion of off-system sales revenue that is currently used to reduce all customer bills. Westar also proposes a low income assistance fund. The low income assistance fund will also divert a portion of off-system sales revenue and will divert revenue received under the Renewable Energy Program Rider that is used to reduce all customer bills.

### **Additional Information Available**

For more information about the proposed project, public hearing or technical hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Any person requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act needs to give notice to the Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing date.

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can also be contacted 785-271-3200 for further information.