

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

Midwest Energy Consumers Group,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	File No. EC-2017-0106
)	
Westar Energy, Inc.)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: October 28, 2016

Effective Date: October 28, 2016

The complaint charges a violation related to the impending acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc. by Great Plains Energy, Inc. Whether that transaction is within the Commission’s jurisdiction (“jurisdiction”) is the threshold question in deciding the complaint, and an expeditious determination of that question may help to avoid an undue delay of the transaction. To expedite a ruling on jurisdiction, the Commission will set a date for an evidentiary hearing, or argument, or both, on jurisdiction. To prepare for that date, the Commission will direct Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule (“schedule”). To facilitate discussion of that schedule, the Commission will set a date for a procedural conference (“conference”). The conference will convene at the same time as the conference scheduled, by separate order issued this day, in File No. EC-2017-0107.¹

¹ *Midwest Energy Consumers Group v. Great Plains Energy, Inc.*, File No. EC-2017-0107.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. On November 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO 65201, the Commission will convene the conference described in the body of this order. The Commission will convene the conference on the record and will go off the record for the parties to discuss procedural and substantive matters yet to be resolved. Any party, and any person who has filed an application for intervention, shall attend the conference.

2. No later than November 22, 2016, Staff shall file on behalf of all parties the schedule described in the body of this order (“schedule”). The schedule shall include proposed dates for:

- a. The filing of a list of undisputed facts and a list of disputed issues of fact. Any disputed issue of fact listed shall be accompanied by a list of witnesses to testify on such issue; a proposed sequence for all witnesses; and a proposed sequence of cross-examination.
- b. An evidentiary hearing, oral argument, or both, on jurisdiction. That date shall be not more than 30 days after the date of the conference.
- c. Such other events as the parties deem helpful.

3. The room designated for the conference meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing shall alert the Public Service Commission before the hearing by calling the Commission’s Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of October, 2016.