BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW Tim Opitz, Chief Deputy Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel:

- 1. Effective today, November 30, 2017, I have resigned my position in the Office of Public Counsel. At this time, I am listed as counsel in the above-captioned matter. I am filing this Notice in each case in which I was listed as counsel, because I will no longer be part of the Office of Public Counsel.
- 2. The Office of Public Counsel will continue to be represented by counsel assigned to the case.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully submit this Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tim Opitz

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 30th day of November 2017.

/s/ Tim Opitz