BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Energy Incorporated for Approval of its Merger with Westar Energy, Inc.

File No. EM-2018-0012

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE AND MOTION TO INTERVENE

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Issue Date: January 23, 2018 Effective Date: January 23, 2018 On August 31, 2017, Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light Company, KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, and Westar Energy, Inc. filed a joint application asking the Commission to approve a transaction in which Westar and GPE will merge. On September 6, 2017, the Commission issued an order directing notice of the application and setting a deadline of September 27, 2017 for persons requesting to intervene in this matter.

On January 11, 2018, Major Andrew J. Unsicker and Thomas A. Jernigan ("Petitioners") filed petitions for leave to appear and participate in this matter *pro hac vice* on behalf of the Federal Executive Agencies ("FEA"). In the petitions, Petitioners list the courts of which they are members in good standing. Petitioners have designated Thomas Schmidt, as a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar, as local counsel. The petitions include a copy of the receipt from the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court to demonstrate compliance with Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(m).

The Commission has considered the petitions and finds that the requests to appear *pro hac vice* comply with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(m) and 9.03. Ten days have elapsed from the filing of the

petitions for leave to appear, and no party has objected. Therefore, the Commission will admit Petitioners *pro hac vice* to appear on behalf of the FEA.

On January 9, 2018, FEA filed a motion for leave to intervene out of time. FEA states that it recently became aware of the impact a decision in this matter may have on FEA customers and the Air Force, specifically Whiteman Air Force Base. FEA accepts the record established in this matter as of the date the motion was filed. No party has objected to the motion to intervene out of time. The application satisfies all requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 and intervention will be granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The petitions of Major Andrew J. Unsicker and Thomas A. Jernigan for leave to appear and participate as counsel for the Federal Executive Agencies are granted.

2. The application to intervene out of time filed by the Federal Executive Agencies is granted.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 23rd day of January, 2018.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 23rd day of January 2018.



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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