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)	Case No. EM-2018-0012
with Westar Energy, Inc.)	

REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING

Comes now the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), pursuant to 4 CSR § 240-2.110(2)(B), and asks to be excused from the hearing. We have filed no testimony and taken no position on the issues. Accordingly we waive cross-examination of all witnesses who will be testifying.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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