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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING**

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Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“GPE”), Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) and Westar Energy, Inc. (“Westar”) have filed a joint application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (“the Commission”), seeking approval of the acquisition of Westar by GPE, the parent company of KCP&L, for a total purchase price of \$12.2 billion, including assumed debt. If the application is approved and upon the closing of the transaction, Westar will become a wholly owned subsidiary of GPE.

If approved, Great Plains Energy will have more than 1.5 million customers in Kansas and Missouri, nearly 13,000 megawatts of generation capacity, almost 10,000 miles of transmission lines and over 51,000 miles of distribution lines. In addition, more than 45 percent of the combined utility’s retail customer demand can be met with emission-free energy. Westar and KCP&L have assured the Commission in their joint application that customers will see no change in their day-to-day utility service as a result of the transaction and will continue to receive safe, reliable and efficient service at just and reasonable rates.

The Commission will decide whether or not to approve the acquisition. Approval will depend upon whether the Commission finds the acquisition promotes the public convenience. The Commission will evaluate any possible effects on ratepayers, operational synergies, competition in the market for electricity, labor dislocations, environmental impacts, and any other relevant issues, in making

its determination. Westar and KCP&L customers are invited to provide comments regarding these issues.

## **Public Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing to provide KCP&L and Westar customers an opportunity to find out more about the proposed acquisition, ask questions and make comments about the proposal. The public hearing is scheduled for:

Monday, December 5, 2016, at 6 p.m. CST

Shawnee Heights High School  
4201 SE Shawnee Heights Road  
Tecumseh, Kansas 66542

Those unable to attend in person can watch the hearing live from the Commission's website: [www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov). In the event of technical difficulty or for those unable to watch live, a recording of the hearing will be available on the Commission's website beginning December 12.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under The Americans with Disabilities Act needs to provide notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing by calling 1-800-662-0027.

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## Public Comments

The Commission will accept comments regarding the proposed merger through 5 p.m. Jan. 18, 2017. There are three convenient ways to submit a comment:

1. Go to the KCC website ([www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov)) to enter your comment. Click on the link under Your Opinion Matters.
2. Send a written letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604 4027. Be sure to reference Docket No. 16-KCPE-593-ACQ.
3. Call the Commission's Public Affairs office at 1 800 662 0027.

An evidentiary hearing on the acquisition application is scheduled to begin on January 30, 2017 at 9 a.m. CST at the Commission's offices 1500 SW Arrowhead, Topeka, Kansas. The Commission must issue a decision in the case by April 24, 2017.

A complete copy of GPE, KCP&L and Westar's application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website ([www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov)) by searching docket filings for Docket No. 16-KCPE-593-ACQ. If you need additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027 or [public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov).