



November 29, 2016

Chair Jay Scott Emler
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604

Dear Chair Emler:

As the mayor of the largest city in Kansas and the 48th largest city in the United States, growth is a crucial focus for the council and I, and Westar has been a main driving force behind that growth.

Westar is one of our most dedicated and generous community partners. I look to their model of philanthropy and community involvement as a model for all of our area businesses. From serving in leadership roles throughout the community to giving time and financial support to crucial community causes and nonprofit organizations, Westar is a force of good in Wichita.

Westar has been an agent of change and growth in Wichita, and now it's time for us to support their growth efforts. I ask you to approve the acquisition of Westar Energy by Kansas City power and Light. This symbiotic acquisition will help both organizations to continue providing excellent service to Kansas residents while retaining jobs and growing their market base here in Kansas.

I am excited to see this potential new stage of growth for Westar/ Kansas City Power and Light and look forward to a continued and strengthened partnership with this newly-merged company if this acquisition is approved.

Regards,

Mayor Jeff Longwell
City of Wichita

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