



December 5, 2016

Mr. Jay Emler, Chairman
Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs & Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604

Dear Mr. Emler:

KBS is in immense support of the Westar / Great Plains merger. As both a customer and a vendor, we have a valuable perspective on this merger. KBS has completed many large and small projects for both companies over the last ten years. We also are customers of both utilities and purchaser power at our Kansas offices in Olathe, Topeka and Manhattan.

KBS believes that this merger will bring economical and logistical efficiencies to the newly merged organization and enhance services. It will also be able to produce more power without a greater increase in cost which will help lower utility prices, allow negotiation of better contracts, protect local jobs and give greater value for the shareholders.

Best of all, the merging of these two great companies will not only create greater synergizes but keep local control in Kansas.

We urge you to support this merger for the GOOD OF KANSAS!

Sincerely,

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