

**Frequently asked questions about the Great Plains Energy Acquisition of Westar Energy:**

**Which customers does this affect?**

Once the transaction is complete, all Westar Energy customers will be served under Great Plains Energy. This includes residential and commercial customers throughout the current Westar Energy service territory.

**What are the benefits to customers?**

You'll have a more efficient energy company. We expect the combination to result in smaller rate increases and better service for you.

**Will my bill go up?**

Not because of this transaction! In fact, you should expect the combination to result in smaller rate changes than would have been needed without the agreement.

**Will there be any staffing changes that might affect me as a customer?**

No. We've been working hard to improve our service over the last few years. Together, we can make even more progress. As part of the agreement, Great Plains is honoring our existing labor agreements.

**Why did you not comment on this before when rumors were circulating?**

To conduct a fair and competitive process, it's best to conduct these matters in confidence. To do otherwise would put the best outcome at risk.

**What happens to my Westar stock?**

Under the terms of the agreement, Westar shareholders will receive \$60.00 per share of total consideration for each share of Westar common stock, consisting of \$51.00 in cash and \$9.00 in Great Plains Energy common stock, subject to a 7.5 percent collar based upon the Great Plains Energy common stock price at the time of the closing of the transaction, with the exchange ratio for the stock consideration ranging between 0.2709 to 0.3148 shares of Great Plains Energy common stock for each Westar share of common stock, representing a consideration mix of 85 percent cash and 15 percent stock.

**When will the acquisition be finalized?**

We plan to make a joint filing for approval at the KCC this summer, with approvals and closing of the transaction late spring or early summer 2017. In the coming months, the companies will work together to develop a robust integration plan.

**Will the way I pay my bill change?**

Whether you pay online through online bill pay, through the phone center, or at an authorized pay station, you will be able to continue to pay through the means you currently use or a similar method. The main change may be who you make the check out to when the deal is finalized.

**Will my Westar Wind Change?**

No. You'll still be able to get up to 100% renewable energy for your home or business.

**I signed up for community solar. What will happen with that now?**

No change at this time.

**Will my Home Serve still be in effect?**

No change at this time.

**How does this affect Westar Energy facilities?**

Headquarters will be maintained in downtown Topeka. We expect efficiencies over time will come from combining the two organizations. Those efficiencies could include evaluating operating facilities, though there have been no decisions on any specific locations.

**How does this change your renewable energy efforts in the future?**

This deal brings together two leaders in renewable energy in Kansas. By joining forces, we'll be able to deliver even more emission-free energy to Kansas customers.

**If Westar has or is purchasing an easement on my property, what does the change in ownership mean?**

You should continue to work with the Westar regarding any easement agreements. When the transaction closes, the easement agreement will stay the same.

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