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# THIRD QUARTER 2017 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 2, 2017

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*SVP Finance and Strategy and CFO*



## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements made in this presentation that are not based on historical facts are forward-looking, may involve risks and uncertainties, and are intended to be as of the date when made. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the anticipated merger transaction of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar Energy), including those that relate to the expected financial and operational benefits of the merger to the companies and their shareholders (including cost savings, operational efficiencies and the impact of the anticipated merger on earnings per share), the expected timing of closing, the outcome of regulatory proceedings, cost estimates of capital projects, dividend growth, share repurchases, balance sheet and credit ratings, rebates to customers, employee issues and other matters affecting future operations. In connection with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Great Plains Energy is providing a number of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the provided forward-looking information. These important factors include: future economic conditions in regional, national and international markets and their effects on sales, prices and costs; prices and availability of electricity in regional and national wholesale markets; market perception of the energy industry, Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy; changes in business strategy, operations or development plans; the outcome of contract negotiations for goods and services; effects of current or proposed state and federal legislative and regulatory actions or developments, including, but not limited to, deregulation, re-regulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; decisions of regulators regarding rates that the companies can charge for electricity; adverse changes in applicable laws, regulations, rules, principles or practices governing tax, accounting and environmental matters including, but not limited to, air and water quality; financial market conditions and performance including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates and credit spreads and in availability and cost of capital and the effects on derivatives and hedges, nuclear decommissioning trust and pension plan assets and costs; impairments of long-lived assets or goodwill; credit ratings; inflation rates; effectiveness of risk management policies and procedures and the ability of counterparties to satisfy their contractual commitments; impact of terrorist acts, including, but not limited to, cyber terrorism; ability to carry out marketing and sales plans; weather conditions including, but not limited to, weather-related damage and their effects on sales, prices and costs; cost, availability, quality and deliverability of fuel; the inherent uncertainties in estimating the effects of weather, economic conditions and other factors on customer consumption and financial results; ability to achieve generation goals and the occurrence and duration of planned and unplanned generation outages; delays in the anticipated in-service dates and cost increases of generation, transmission, distribution or other projects; Great Plains Energy's and Westar Energy's ability to successfully manage and integrate their respective transmission joint ventures; the inherent risks associated with the ownership and operation of a nuclear facility including, but not limited to, environmental, health, safety, regulatory and financial risks; workforce risks, including, but not limited to, increased costs of retirement, health care and other benefits; the ability of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy to obtain the regulatory and shareholder approvals necessary to complete the anticipated merger or the imposition of adverse conditions or costs in connection with obtaining regulatory approvals; the risk that a condition to the closing of the anticipated merger may not be satisfied or that the anticipated merger may fail to close; the outcome of any legal proceedings, regulatory proceedings or enforcement matters that may be instituted relating to the anticipated merger; the costs incurred to consummate the anticipated merger; the possibility that the expected value creation from the anticipated merger will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period; difficulties related to the integration of the two companies, the credit ratings of the combined company following the anticipated merger; disruption from the anticipated merger making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees, regulators or suppliers; the diversion of management time and attention on the anticipated merger; and other risks and uncertainties.

This list of factors is not all-inclusive because it is not possible to predict all factors. Other risk factors are detailed from time to time in Great Plains Energy's and KCP&L's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement. Great Plains Energy and KCP&L undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## ADJUSTED EPS NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In addition to earnings (loss) available for common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per common share, Great Plains Energy's management uses adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) to evaluate earnings and earnings per share without the impact of the anticipated merger with Westar Energy. Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) exclude certain costs, expenses, gains, losses and the per share dilutive effect of equity issuances resulting from the anticipated merger and the previous plan to acquire Westar Energy. This information is intended to enhance an investor's overall understanding of results. Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) are used internally to measure performance against budget and in reports for management and the Board of Directors of Great Plains Energy. Adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) are financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP and may not be comparable to other companies' presentations or more useful than the GAAP information provided everywhere in this presentation.

Great Plains Energy provides its earnings guidance based on a non-GAAP measure and does not provide the most directly comparable GAAP measure or a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP measure due to the inherent difficulty in forecasting and quantifying certain amounts that are necessary for such reconciliation, including certain costs, expenses, gains, losses and the per share dilutive effect of equity issuances resulting from the anticipated merger and the previous plan to acquire Westar Energy that are reflected in Great Plains Energy's reconciliation of historic adjusted earnings (non-GAAP) and adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP) numbers found in the appendix, the amounts of which, could be significant.

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## AGENDA

### TOPICS FOR TODAY'S DISCUSSION

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#### **BUSINESS UPDATE**

- Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy Merger Update
- Regulatory Priorities
- Update on Strategic Plan

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#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- Third Quarter and Year to Date 2017 Results

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## BUSINESS UPDATE

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Terry Bassham  
Chairman, President and CEO

## MERGER ON TRACK TO CLOSE IN FIRST HALF OF 2018

Driving Value for Shareholders, Customers and Communities	Stakeholder	Filing Timing	Approval Anticipated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transaction structure directly responsive to regulatory concerns</li> </ul>	Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy shareholders	√	Nov. 21, 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shareholder Returns: Significantly accretive to both Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy with top-quartile shareholder returns</li> </ul>	KCC	√	2Q18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer Benefits: Unique combination provides significant cost savings; better ability to earn allowed returns in all jurisdictions</li> </ul>	MPSC	√	2Q18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Commitment: No involuntary layoffs; strong workforce across combined operations; operating HQ in Topeka and Kansas City; corporate HQ in Kansas City</li> </ul>	FERC	√	1Q18-2Q18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced Financial Flexibility: Strong credit profile and balance sheet for targeted investment in attractive renewables and transmission and expected post-close equity rebalance through share repurchases over time</li> </ul>	NRC	√	1Q18-2Q18
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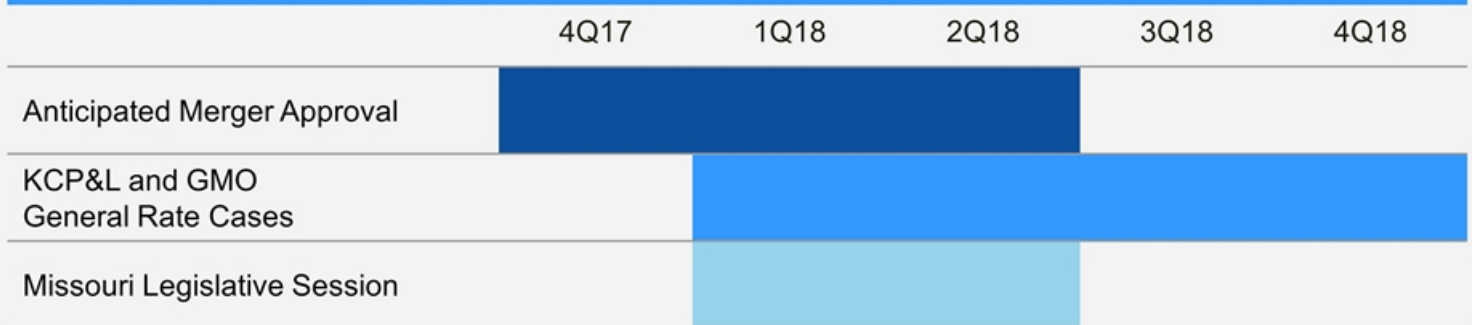
**Continue to Work with Key Stakeholders Toward Goal of Concluding Earlier than 300 Day Kansas Calendar**

## OUR REGULATORY PRIORITIES

***Focused on optimizing capital allocation to earn our allowed return in all jurisdictions and deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns***

- Approval of merger with Westar Energy
- File rate applications in all jurisdictions in early 2018 for recovery of infrastructure investments
- Committed to work toward comprehensive regulatory reform in Missouri and expect to pursue legislation next year

### Regulatory and Legislative Calendar





## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR VALUE CREATION

***Continue to promote the economic strength of the region,  
enhance the value we deliver to customers and deliver competitive shareholder returns***



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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Kevin Bryant  
SVP Finance and Strategy and CFO

## THIRD QUARTER AND YEAR TO DATE RESULTS

2017 VS. 2016

### GAAP results:

- 3Q 2017 earnings of \$0.02 per share vs. \$0.86 in prior year
- YTD 2017<sup>1</sup> loss of \$0.20 per share vs. earnings of \$1.23 in prior year
- The primary drivers for the decrease in 3Q 2017 and YTD 2017<sup>1</sup> vs. prior year include \$0.89 per share and \$1.32 per share of additional costs to achieve the anticipated merger with Westar Energy, respectively, as well as drivers below

### Adjusted EPS (Non-GAAP)<sup>2</sup>

### Adjusted EPS (Non-GAAP) 2017 Compared to 2016<sup>2</sup>



	3Q	YTD <sup>1</sup>
Weather	(0.14)	(0.23)
Weather-normalized demand	0.05	0.12
New retail rates	0.04	0.05
MEEIA throughput disincentive	0.02	(0.02)
Other margin items	0.03	0.02
Other O&M	0.02	0.02
Depreciation & amortization	(0.02)	(0.08)
Other	0.05	0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.05</b>	<b>\$(0.11)</b>

1. As of September 30

2. A reconciliation of adjusted EPS (non-GAAP) to GAAP EPS can be found in the appendix

## SERVING A GROWING REGION

### ***Economic climate in the Kansas City region remains favorable***

- The third quarter 2017 marks 26 consecutive quarters of residential customer growth in our service territory
- For the 12-months ended September 30, 2017, improving residential real estate and labor market led to customer growth of 1.2% in our service territory

#### Employment Figures



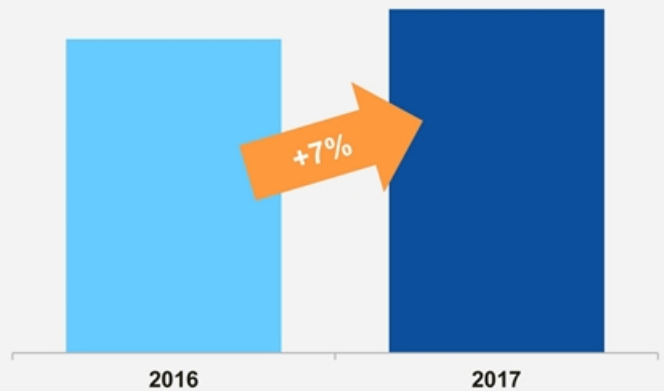
#### **Jobs numbers are up:**

- 74 consecutive months of job growth through August 2017

#### **Unemployment numbers are down:**

- Unemployment rate of 4.4% in August 2017 compared with 4.7% in 2016

#### YTD August 31 Housing Permits<sup>1</sup>



1. Single family housing permits

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## APPENDIX

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# RECONCILIATION OF EARNINGS AND EARNINGS PER SHARE TO ADJUSTED EARNINGS AND EARNINGS PER SHARE (NON-GAAP)

## GREAT PLAINS ENERGY (UNAUDITED)

GREAT PLAINS ENERGY INCORPORATED  
Consolidated Earnings and Diluted Earnings Per Share  
Three Months Ended September 30  
(Unaudited)

	Earnings (Loss)		Earnings (Loss) per Great Plains Energy Share	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
(in millions)				
<b>GAAP Earnings</b>				
Electric Utility	\$ 162.9	\$ 161.1	\$ 0.78	\$ 1.04
Other	(152.4)	(27.5)	(0.71)	(0.18)
Net income	10.5	133.6	0.05	0.86
Preferred dividends and redemption premium	(7.1)	(0.9)	(0.03)	-
Earnings available for common shareholders	\$ 3.4	\$ 132.7	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.86
<b>Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP</b>				
Earnings available for common shareholders	\$ 3.4	\$ 132.7	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.86
Costs to achieve the anticipated merger with Westar:				
Operating expenses, pre-tax <sup>(a)</sup>	(2.4)	14.4	(0.02)	0.09
Financing, pre-tax <sup>(b)</sup>	8.2	14.3	0.05	0.09
Mark-to-market impacts of interest rate swaps, pre-tax <sup>(c)</sup>	(28.2)	1.8	(0.18)	0.01
Interest income, pre-tax <sup>(d)</sup>	(4.9)	-	(0.03)	-
Loss on Series B Preferred Stock dividend make-whole provision, pre-tax <sup>(e)</sup>	67.7	-	0.44	-
Loss on extinguishment of debt, pre-tax <sup>(f)</sup>	82.8	-	0.53	-
Write-off of Series A deferred offering expenses, pre-tax <sup>(g)</sup>	15.0	-	0.10	-
Income tax expense (benefit) <sup>(h)</sup>	14.2	(9.6)	0.08	(0.05)
Preferred stock <sup>(i)</sup>	7.1	0.6	0.05	-
Impact of October 2016 share issuance <sup>(j)</sup>	n/a	n/a	0.01	-
Adjusted Earnings (Non-GAAP)	\$ 162.9	\$ 154.2	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.00
<b>Average Shares Outstanding</b>				
Shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share			215.7	154.9
Adjustment for October 2016 share issuance <sup>(j)</sup>			(60.5)	-
Shares used in calculating adjusted earnings per share (Non-GAAP)			155.2	154.9

<sup>(a)</sup> Reflects legal, advisory and consulting fees, certain severance expenses and a fair value adjustment to the forward contract to issue 7.25% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock. Series A and are included in Costs to achieve the anticipated merger with Westar on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(b)</sup> Reflects fees and interest incurred to finance the acquisition of Westar under the May 2016 Merger Agreement, including fees for a bridge term loan facility and interest on Great Plains Energy's \$4.3 billion senior notes issued in March 2017 and are included in interest charges on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(c)</sup> Reflects the mark-to-market impacts of interest rate swaps entered into in connection with financing the acquisition of Westar under the May 2016 Merger Agreement and is included in interest charges on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(d)</sup> Reflects interest income earned on the proceeds from Great Plains Energy's October 2016 equity offerings and March 2017 issuance of senior notes to fund the cash consideration for the acquisition of Westar under the May 2016 Merger Agreement and is included in Non-operating income on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(e)</sup> Reflects the loss on the settlement of the Series B Preferred Stock dividend make-whole provisions in connection with the redemption of Great Plains Energy's Series B Preferred Stock in August 2017 and is included within Loss on Series B Preferred Stock dividend make-whole provisions on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(f)</sup> Reflects the loss on extinguishment of debt due to Great Plains Energy's redemption of its \$4.3 billion senior notes in July 2017 and is included within Loss on extinguishment of debt on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(g)</sup> Reflects the write-off of deferred offering fees as a result of the termination of the stock purchase agreement for \$750 million of Series A Preferred Stock between Great Plains Energy and OCM Credit Portfolio LP and is included within Non-operating expenses on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(h)</sup> Reflects an income tax effect calculated at a 38.9% statutory rate, with the exception of certain non-deductible legal and financing fees.

<sup>(i)</sup> Reflects reductions to earnings available for common shareholders related to preferred stock dividend requirements for Great Plains Energy's 7.00% Series B Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock issued in October 2016 and the redemption premiums associated with the redemption of the Series B Preferred Stock in August 2017 and cumulative preferred stock in August 2016 is included in Preferred stock dividend requirements and redemption premium on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

<sup>(j)</sup> Reflects the average share impact of Great Plains Energy's issuance of 60.5 million shares of common stock in October 2016.

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**Consolidated Earnings (Loss) and Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share**  
**Year to Date September 30**  
(Unaudited)

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	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(millions)			
<b>GAAP Earnings</b>				
Electric Utility	\$ 247.4	\$ 278.4	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.80
Other	(253.5)	(86.4)	(1.18)	(0.56)
Net income (loss)	(6.1)	192.0	(0.03)	1.24
Preferred dividends and redemption premium	(37.3)	(1.7)	(0.17)	(0.01)
Earnings (loss) available for common shareholders	\$ (43.4)	\$ 190.3	\$ (0.20)	\$ 1.23
<b>Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP</b>				
Earnings (loss) available for common shareholders	\$ (43.4)	\$ 190.3	\$ (0.20)	\$ 1.23
Costs to achieve the anticipated merger with Westar:				
Operating expenses, pre-tax <sup>(1)</sup>	24.4	19.4	0.16	0.13
Financing, pre-tax <sup>(2)</sup>	85.5	19.0	0.55	0.12
Mark-to-market impacts of interest rate swaps, pre-tax <sup>(3)</sup>	1.9	78.8	0.01	0.51
Interest income, pre-tax <sup>(4)</sup>	(20.1)	-	(0.13)	-
Loss on Series B Preferred Stock dividend make-whole provision, pre-tax <sup>(5)</sup>	124.8	-	0.80	-
Loss on extinguishment of debt, pre-tax <sup>(7)</sup>	82.8	-	0.54	-
Write-off of Series A deferred offering expenses, pre-tax <sup>(6)</sup>	15.0	-	0.10	-
Income tax benefit <sup>(8)</sup>	(58.4)	(42.3)	(0.38)	(0.27)
Preferred stock <sup>(9)</sup>	37.3	0.6	0.24	-
Impact of October 2016 share issuance <sup>(10)</sup>	n/a	n/a	(0.08)	-
<b>Adjusted Earnings (Non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 249.8</b>	<b>\$ 265.8</b>	<b>\$ 1.61</b>	<b>\$ 1.72</b>
<b>Average Shares Outstanding</b>				
Shares used in calculating diluted earnings (loss) per share			(millions)	154.9
Adjustment for October 2016 share issuance <sup>(10)</sup>			(60.5)	-
Shares used in calculating adjusted earnings per share (Non-GAAP)			155.0	154.9

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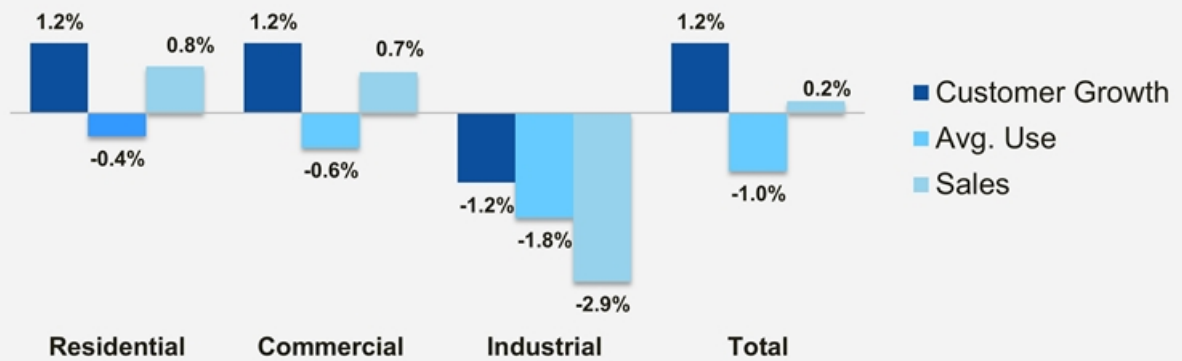
<sup>(10)</sup> Reflects the average share impact of Great Plains Energy's issuance of 60.5 million shares of common stock in October 2016.

## WEATHER-NORMALIZED DEMAND TRENDS

12-MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

- For the 12-months ended September 30, 2017:
  - Customer growth of 1.2%
  - Weather-normalized sales net of estimated 0.8% impact from our energy efficiency programs

### Weather-Normalized Retail Sales Growth





## STRENGTHENED CREDIT PROFILE

- Merger of equals structure with no merger-related debt results in a strengthened credit profile and positive rating agency action
  - Moody's upgraded Great Plains Energy to Baa2 from Baa3 with stable outlook
  - S&P affirmed senior unsecured debt ratings of BBB and BBB+ for Great Plains Energy and its utility subsidiaries, respectively, and revised outlook to positive for Great Plains Energy and its utility subsidiaries
- Completed unwind of acquisition financing following MOE announcement, with total cost of approximately \$150 million
- Expect to repurchase ~60 million shares (~22% of pro forma shares outstanding) over time in the first two years after closing of merger

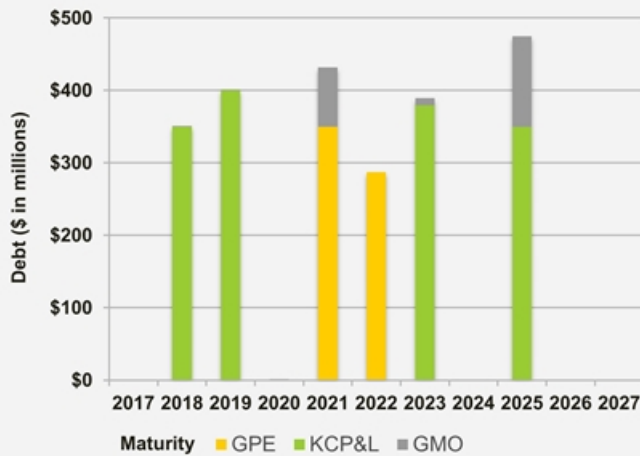
Unwind of Great Plains Energy Debt and Equity Financing	
Debt Security	Equity Security
\$4.3 billion Senior Unsecured Notes	OMERS Mandatory Convertible Preferred Purchase Agreement
Remaining Bridge Commitment	Public Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock

## DEBT PROFILE AND CREDIT RATINGS

### Great Plains Energy Debt at September 30, 2017

Debt (\$ in millions)	KCP&L		GMO <sup>1</sup>		GPE		Consolidated	
	Amount	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Amount	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Amount	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Amount	Rate <sup>2</sup>
Short-term debt	\$202.0	1.78%	\$240.9	1.58%	\$0.0		\$442.9	1.67%
Long-term debt <sup>3</sup>	2,581.7	4.86%	443.3	5.02%	638.1	5.05%	3,663.1	4.91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,783.7</b>	<b>4.64%</b>	<b>\$684.2</b>	<b>3.81%</b>	<b>\$638.1</b>	<b>5.05%</b>	<b>\$4,106.0</b>	<b>4.57%<sup>4</sup></b>

### Long-Term Debt Maturities<sup>5</sup>



### Current Credit Ratings

	Moody's	Standard & Poors
<b>Great Plains Energy</b>		
Outlook	Stable	Positive
Corporate Credit Rating	–	BBB+
Senior Unsecured Debt	Baa2	BBB
<b>KCP&amp;L</b>		
Outlook	Stable	Positive
Senior Secured Debt	A2	A
Senior Unsecured Debt	Baa1	BBB+
Commercial Paper	P-2	A-2
<b>GMO</b>		
Outlook	Stable	Positive
Senior Unsecured Debt	Baa2	BBB+
Commercial Paper	P-2	A-2

<sup>1</sup>Great Plains Energy guarantees approximately 40% of GMO's debt; <sup>2</sup>Weighted Average Rates—excludes premium/discounts and other amortizations;

<sup>3</sup>Includes current maturities of long-term debt; <sup>4</sup>Secured debt=\$679.1M (17%), Unsecured debt=\$3,426.9M (83%); <sup>5</sup>Includes long-term debt maturities through December 31, 2027. Excludes 2017 maturities that have already occurred.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any proxy, vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. In connection with the proposed transactions, Monarch Energy has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-220465), which was declared effective by the SEC. Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy have each filed a definitive joint proxy statement, which also constitutes a prospectus of Monarch Energy, each of which is publicly available, and Great Plains Energy, Westar Energy and Monarch Energy have filed and may file other documents regarding the proposed transactions with the SEC. Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy mailed the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the transactions to their respective shareholders on or about October 13, 2017. WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THESE OTHER MATERIALS CAREFULLY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GREAT PLAINS ENERGY, WESTAR ENERGY, MONARCH ENERGY AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS. Investors can obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed by Monarch Energy, Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>, the SEC's website. These documents filed by Great Plains Energy and Monarch Energy are also available free of charge from Great Plains Energy's website (<http://www.greatplainsenergy.com>) under the tab, "Investor Relations" and then under the heading "SEC Filings," or by contacting Great Plains Energy's Investor Relations Department at 1-800-245-5275. These documents filed by Westar Energy are also available free of charge from Westar Energy's website (<http://www.westarenergy.com>) under the tab "Investors" and then under the heading "SEC Filings," or by contacting Westar Energy's Investor Relations Department at 785-575-8227.

### Participants in Proxy Solicitation

Great Plains Energy, Westar Energy and their respective directors and certain of their executive officers and employees may be deemed, under SEC rules, to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Great Plains Energy's and Westar Energy's shareholders with respect to the proposed transactions. Information regarding the officers and directors of Great Plains Energy is included in its definitive proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting filed with the SEC on March 23, 2017. Information regarding the officers and directors of Westar Energy is included in its definitive proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting filed with the SEC on September 14, 2017. Additional information regarding the identity of potential participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by securities, holdings or otherwise, is set forth in the Registration Statement and definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other materials filed with SEC in connection with the proposed merger. Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described in the paragraphs above.

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