## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 8-K**CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 7, 2013

### **WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kansas	1-3523	48-0290150
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas	66612	(785) 575-6300
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
	Not Applicable	
(Former name of	or former address, if changed since last rep	ort)
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### WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 7, 2013, we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the period ended September 30, 2013. A copy of our November 7, 2013 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

A copy of our 2013 Third Quarter Earnings Package, which includes our Updated 2013 Earnings Guidance summary and our 2014 Earnings Drivers summary, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2. This information is available to the public on our website, http://www.WestarEnergy.com.

The information furnished pursuant to this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits hereto, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated November 7, 2013 Exhibit 99.2 2013 Third Quarter Earnings Package

Certain matters discussed in this Current Report on Form 8-K are "forward-looking statements." The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 has established that these statements qualify for safe harbors from liability. Forward-looking statements may include words like "believe," "anticipate," "target," "expect," "pro forma," "estimate," "intend," "drivers," "assumption," "guidance" or words of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements describe future plans, objectives, expectations or goals. Although Westar Energy believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, all forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements include those discussed herein as well as (1) those discussed in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2012 (a) under the heading, "Forward-Looking Statements," (b) in ITEM 1. Business, (c) in ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, (d) in ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and (e) in ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Notes 13 and 15; (2) those discussed in the company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed Nov. 7, 2013, (a) in ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and (b) in Part I, Financial Information, ITEM 1. Financial Statements: Notes 10 and 11; and (3) other factors discussed in the company's gwith the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date such statement was made, and the company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement was made.

### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

		WESTAR EN	WESTAR ENERGY, INC.					
Date:	November 7, 2013	By:	/s/ Larry D. Irick					
		Name:	Larry D. Irick					
		Title:	Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary					
		EXHIBIT IND	EX					

## Exhibit NumberDescription of ExhibitExhibit 99.1Press Release dated November 7, 2013Exhibit 99.22013 Third Quarter Earnings Package



### WESTAR ENERGY ANNOUNCES 3rd QUARTER 2013 RESULTS

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 7, 2013 - Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) today announced earnings of \$133 million, or \$1.04 per share, for the third quarter 2013 compared with earnings of \$139 million, or \$1.10 per share, for the third quarter 2012. Earnings for the nine months ended Sep. 30, 2013 were \$251 million, or \$1.97 per share, compared with \$228 million, or \$1.79 per share, for the same period in 2012.

Lower net income for the three months ending Sep. 30, 2013 was driven by cooler weather, reduced demand from industrial customers and higher O&M costs at the company's power plants. The decreases were partially offset by recording income from corporate-owned life insurance and price increases.

Higher net income for the nine months ending Sep. 30, 2013 was driven primarily by higher prices, recording additional benefits from corporate-owned life insurance and lower general and administrative costs. These benefits were partially offset by lower electric sales as a result of cooler weather and reduced demand primarily from industrial customers.

### **Earnings Guidance**

The company revised its 2013 earnings guidance of \$2.05 to \$2.15 per share to \$2.20 to \$2.30 per share. The increase reflects year-to-date trends including improved residential and commercial sales, lower interest expenses, benefits from lower operating expenses and lower effective income tax rate. The company has posted to its website an updated summary of factors it considers to be key drivers and assumptions used in arriving at earnings guidance. The summary is located under Supplemental Materials within the Investors section of the company website at www.WestarEnergy.com.

### **Conference Call and Additional Company Information**

Westar Energy management will host a conference call Friday, Nov. 8 with the investment community at 10 a.m. ET (9 a.m. CT). Investors, media and the public may listen to the conference call by dialing 877.415.3179, participant code 63251422. A webcast of the live conference call will be available at www.WestarEnergy.com.

Members of the media are invited to listen to the conference call and then contact Gina Penzig with any follow-up questions.

This earnings announcement, a package of detailed third quarter financial information, the company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended Sep. 30, 2013 and other filings the company has made with the Securities and Exchange Commission are available on the company's website at www.WestarEnergy.com.

### Westar Energy announces 3rd quarter results

Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE: WR) is Kansas' largest electric utility. For more than a century, we have provided Kansans the safe, reliable electricity needed to power their businesses and homes. Every day our team of professionals takes on projects to generate and deliver electricity, protect the environment and provide excellent service to our nearly 700,000 customers. Westar has 7,200 MW of electric generation capacity fueled by coal, uranium, natural gas, wind and landfill gas. We are also a leader in electric transmission in Kansas. Our innovative customer service programs include mobile-enabled customer care, digital meters and paving the way for electric vehicle adoption. Our employees live, volunteer and work in the communities we serve.

For more information about Westar Energy, visit us on the Internet at <a href="http://www.WestarEnergy.com">http://www.WestarEnergy.com</a>.

Forward-looking statements: Certain matters discussed in this news release are "forward-looking statements." The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 has established that these statements qualify for safe harbors from liability. Forward-looking statements may include words like "believe," "anticipate," "target," "expect," "pro forma," "estimate," "intend," "guidance" or words of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements describe future plans, objectives, expectations or goals. Although Westar Energy believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, all forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements include those discussed herein as well as (1) those discussed in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2012 (a) under the heading, "Forward-Looking Statements," (b) in ITEM 1. Business, (c) in ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, (d) in ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and (e) in ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Notes 13 and 15; (2) those discussed in the company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed Nov. 7, 2013, (a) in ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and (b) in Part I, Financial Information, ITEM 1. Financial Statements: Notes 10 and 11; and (3) other factors discussed in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date such statement was made, and the company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement was made.

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## Westar Energy, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

		Three Months E	Ended Sept. 30,			Nine Months En	ded Sept. 30,			
	2013	2012	Change	% Change	2013	2012	Change	% Change		
			(Dollars In	Thousands, E	except Per Share	e Amounts)				
REVENUES:										
Residential	\$ 237,984	\$ 250,757	\$ (12,773)	(5.1)	\$ 568,662	\$ 566,069	\$ 2,593	0.5		
Commercial	199,921	194,032	5,889	3.0	513,049	493,814	19,235	3.9		
Industrial	98,410	96,656	1,754	1.8	282,155	278,036	4,119	1.5		
Other retail	3,849	6,407	(2,558)	(39.9)	2,905	1,125	1,780	158.2		
Total Retail Revenues	540,164	547,852	(7,688)	(1.4)	1,366,771	1,339,044	27,727	2.1		
Wholesale	94,496	88,784	5,712	6.4	262,749	228,966	33,783	14.8		
Transmission	52,410	49,137	3,273	6.7	156,725	144,480	12,245	8.5		
Other	7,904	9,985	(2,081)	(20.8)	24,531	25,208	(677)	(2.7)		
Total Revenues	694,974	695,758	(784)	(0.1)	1,810,776	1,737,698	73,078	4.2		
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Fuel and purchased power	178,562	177,506	1,056	0.6	483,014	452,840	30,174	6.7		
Operating and maintenance	169,100	149,001	20,099	13.5	491,132	461,515	29,617	6.4		
Depreciation and amortization	68,861	65,061	3,800	5.8	203,305	204,640	(1,335)	(0.7)		
Selling, general and administrative	54,245	54,300	(55)	(0.1)	157,668	164,346	(6,678)	(4.1)		
Total Operating Expenses	470,768	445,868	24.900	5.6	1,335,119	1.283.341	51,778	4.0		
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	224,206	249,890	(25,684)	(10.3)	475.657	454.357	21,300	4.7		
	224,200	249,090	(23,004)	(10.5)	470,007	+5+,557	21,300	7.1		
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Investment earnings										
(losses)	2,863	2,729	134	4.9	8,612	6,456	2,156	33.4		
Other income	12,321	6,115	6,206	101.5	29,748	27,242	2,506	9.2		
Other expense	(6,195)	(6,278)	83	1.3	(13,911)	(14,246)	335	2.4		
Total Other Income	8,989	2,566	6,423	250.3	24,449	19,452	4,997	25.7		
Interest expense	45,708	45,017	691	1.5	135,790	131,886	3,904	3.0		
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	187,487	207,439	(19,952)	(9.6)	364,316	341,923	22,393	6.5		
Income tax expense	52,392	66,372	(13,980)	(21.1)	106,514	107,156	(642)	(0.6)		
NET INCOME	135,095	141,067	(5,972)	(4.2)	257,802	234,767	23,035	9.8		
Less: Net income attributable to	,	,	(5,51-)	( /						
noncontrolling interests	1,970	1,786	184	10.3	6,344	5,228	1,116	21.3		
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE	.,,,,,	.,					.,			
TO WESTAR ENERGY, INC.	133,125	139,281	(6,156)	(4.4)	251,458	229,539	21,919	9.5		
Preferred dividends	_	_	_	_		1.616	(1,616)	(100.0)		
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE								, ,		
TO COMMON STOCK	\$ 133,125	\$ 139,281	\$ (6,156)	(4.4)	\$ 251,458	\$ 227,923	\$ 23,535	10.3		
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER AVERAGE COMMON SHARE OUTSTANDING ATTRIBUTABLE TO WESTAR ENERGY, INC. (See 10-Q Note 2):										
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.10	\$ (0.06)	(5.5)	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.79	\$ 0.18	10.1		
Diluted earnings per	Ψ 1.04	Ψ 1.10	ψ (0.00)	(0.0)	Ψ 1.01	Ψ 1.10	ψ 0.10	10.1		
common share  AVERAGE EQUIVALENT  COMMON SHARES  OUTSTANDING (in thousands):	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.09	\$ (0.05)	(4.6)	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.79	\$ 0.17	9.5		
Basic	127,445	126,783	662	0.5	127,318	126,639	679	0.5		
Diluted	128,111	127,135	976	0.8	127,851	126,855	996	0.8		
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.01	3.0	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.03	3.0		
Effective income tax rate	27.94%	32.00%			29.24%	31.34%				

### Westar Energy, Inc.

### **Third Quarter 2013 Earnings**

### Released November 7, 2013

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#### NOTE:

The Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in the company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013 should be read in conjunction with this financial information. The enclosed statements have been prepared for the purpose of providing information concerning the Company and not in connection with any sale, offer for sale, or solicitation to buy any securities.

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Operating and maintenance	169,100		149,001		20,099	13.5
Depreciation and amortization	68,861		65,061		3,800	5.8
Selling, general and administrative	54,245		54,300		(55)	(0.1)
Total Operating Expenses	470,768		445,868		24,900	5.6
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	 224,206		249,890		(25,684)	(10.3)
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Income tax expense	52,392		66,372		(13,980)	(21.1)
NET INCOME	135,095		141,067		(5,972)	(4.2)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,970		1,786		184	10.3
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO WESTAR ENERGY, INC.	\$ 133,125	\$	139,281	\$	(6,156)	(4.4)
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER AVERAGE COMMON SHARE OUTSTANDING ATTRIBUTABLE TO WESTAR ENERGY, INC. (See 10-Q Note 2):						
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.04	\$	1.10	\$	(0.06)	(5.5)
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.04	\$	1.09	\$	(0.05)	(4.6)
AVERAGE EQUIVALENT COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING (in thousands):						
Basic	127,445		126,783		662	0.5
Diluted	128,111		127,135		976	0.8
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.34	\$	0.33	\$	0.01	3.0
Effective income tax rate	27.94%		32.00%			

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	_		N	ine Months End	ed S	September 30,	
		2013		2012		Change	% Change
		(Dolla	ars ir	Thousands, Ex	сер	t Per Share Amoun	ts)
REVENUES:							
Residential	\$	568,662	\$	566,069	\$	2,593	0.5
Commercial		513,049		493,814		19,235	3.9
Industrial		282,155		278,036		4,119	1.5
Other retail		2,905		1,125		1,780	158.2
Total Retail Revenues		1,366,771		1,339,044		27,727	2.1
Wholesale		262,749		228,966		33,783	14.8
Transmission		156,725		144,480		12,245	8.5
Other		24,531		25,208		(677)	(2.7)
Total Revenues		1,810,776		1,737,698		73,078	4.2
OPERATING EXPENSES:							
Fuel and purchased power		483,014		452,840		30,174	6.7
Operating and maintenance		491,132		461,515		29,617	6.4
Depreciation and amortization		203,305		204,640		(1,335)	(0.7)
Selling, general and administrative		157,668		164,346		(6,678)	(4.1)
Total Operating Expenses		1,335,119		1,283,341		51,778	4.0
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS		475,657		454,357		21,300	4.7
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):							
Investment earnings		8,612		6,456		2,156	33.4
Other income		29,748		27,242		2,506	9.2
Other expense		(13,911)		(14,246)		335	2.4
Total Other Income	_	24,449	_	19,452	_	4,997	25.7
Interest expense		135,790		131,886	-	3,904	3.0
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	_	364,316	_	341,923	_	22,393	6.5
Income tax expense		106,514		107,156		(642)	(0.6)
NET INCOME	_	257,802	_	234,767	_	23,035	9.8
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		6,344		5,228		1,116	21.3
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO WESTAR ENERGY, INC.	_	251,458	_	229,539	_	21,919	9.5
Preferred dividends		_		1,616		(1,616)	(100.0)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCK	\$	251,458	\$	227,923	\$	23,535	10.3
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER AVERAGE COMMON SHARE OUTSTANDING ATTRIBUTABLE TO WESTAR ENERGY, INC. (See 10-Q Note 2):	=	,		,	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Basic earnings per common share	\$	1.97	\$	1.79	\$	0.18	10.1
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	1.96	\$	1.79	\$	0.17	9.5
AVERAGE EQUIVALENT COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING (in thousands):							
Basic		127,318		126,639		679	0.5
Diluted		127,851		126,855		996	0.8
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	\$	1.02	\$	0.99	\$	0.03	3.0
Effective income tax rate		29.24%		31.34%			

# Westar Energy, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in Thousands, Except Par Values) (Unaudited)

	Se	September 30, 2013		ecember 31, 2012
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,923	\$	5,829
Restricted cash		387		573
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,073 and \$4,916, respectivel	у	266,533		224,439
Fuel inventory and supplies		237,591		249,016
Prepaid expenses		12,780		15,847
Regulatory assets		145,909		114,895
Other		21,149		32,476
Total Current Assets		694,272		643,075
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET		7,350,935		7,013,765
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT OF VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES, NET		299,312		321,975
OTHER ASSETS:				
Regulatory assets		850,423		887,777
Nuclear decommissioning trust		167,548		150,754
Other		243,345		247,885
Total Other Assets		1,261,316		1,286,416
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	9,605,835	\$	9,265,231
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	÷		Ė	-,, -
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	250,000	ď	
Current maturities of long-term debt of variable interest entities	Ф		\$	25.042
Short-term debt		27,764		25,942
Accounts payable		52,100		339,200
Accrued dividends		178,213		180,825
Accrued taxes		43,199		41,743
Accrued interest		100,180		58,624
Regulatory liabilities		65,817		77,891
Other		40,179		37,557
		96,643		84,359
Total Current Liabilities		854,095		846,141
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:				
Long-term debt, net		2,968,797		2,819,271
Long-term debt of variable interest entities, net		195,074		222,743
Deferred income taxes		1,296,909		1,197,837
Unamortized investment tax credits		189,140		191,512
Regulatory liabilities		286,475		285,618
Accrued employee benefits		550,037		564,870
Asset retirement obligations		158,904		152,648
Other		69,204		74,336
Total Long-Term Liabilities		5,714,540		5,508,835
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (See 10-Q Notes 10 and 11)				
EQUITY:				
Westar Energy, Inc. Shareholders' Equity:				
Common stock, par value \$5 per share; authorized 275,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 127,064,039 shares and 126,503,748 shares, respective to each date		635,320		632,519
Paid-in capital		1,669,792		1,656,972
Retained earnings		727,568		606,649
Total Westar Energy, Inc. Shareholders' Equity		3,032,680		2,896,140
Noncontrolling Interests		4,520		14,115
Total Equity		3,037,200		2,910,255
		3,037,200		2,910,200

# Westar Energy, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In Thousands) (Unaudited)

	Nine Months End	ded September 30	
	2013	2012	
ASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 257,802	\$ 234,76	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	203,305	204,64	
Amortization of nuclear fuel	15,270	16,65	
Amortization of deferred regulatory gain from sale leaseback	(4,121)	(4,12	
Amortization of corporate-owned life insurance	10,442	17,00	
Non-cash compensation	6,148	5,48	
Net deferred income taxes and credits	107,709	106,73	
Stock-based compensation excess tax benefits	(502)	(1,62	
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(9,473)	(9,09	
Changes in working capital items:			
Accounts receivable	(42,400)	(40,7	
Fuel inventory and supplies	13,842	(19,63	
Prepaid expenses and other	2,992	14,6	
Accounts payable	2,088	(7,2	
Accrued taxes	44,573	40,83	
Other current liabilities	(53,042)	(88,4	
Changes in other assets	(22,682)	(1,0	
Changes in other liabilities	21,159	(15,0	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	553,110	453,9	
ASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(557,988)	(598,4	
Purchase of securities - trusts	(61,495)	(18,6	
Sale of securities - trusts	76,906	19,8	
Investment in corporate-owned life insurance	(17,724)	(18,4)	
Proceeds from investment in corporate-owned life insurance	147,591	16,5	
Proceeds from federal grant	876	4,4	
Investment in affiliated company	(2,694)	(6,5	
Other investing activities	(2,886)	(	
Cash Flows used in Investing Activities	(417,414)	(601,3	
ASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Short-term debt, net	(287,741)	(71,5	
Proceeds from long-term debt	492,572	541,3	
Retirements of long-term debt	(100,000)	(220,5)	
Retirements of long-term debt of variable interest entities	(25,498)	(7,7	
Repayment of capital leases	(2,262)	(1,9	
Borrowings against cash surrender value of corporate-owned life insurance	57,948	64,4	
Repayment of borrowings against cash surrender value of corporate-owned life insurance	(145,418)	(18,3)	
Stock-based compensation excess tax benefits	502	1,65	
Preferred stock redemption		(22,5)	
Issuance of common stock	4,526	5,34	
Distributions to shareholders of noncontrolling interests	(1,657)		
Other financing activities		(3,2)	
Cash dividends paid	(2,699)	/110 F	
Cash Flows (used in) from Financing Activities	(121,875)	(118,5	
ET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(131,602)	148,1	
ASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:	4,094	8-	
Beginning of period		2 -	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5,829	3,5	

### Westar Energy, Inc. 3rd Quarter 2013 vs. 2012

#### **Earnings Variances**

### Change

	(\$ per share)	(Dollar	s in Thousands)	(\$ per share)			
2012 earnings attributable to common stock		\$	139,281	\$	1.10		

	Favo	rable/(Unfavora	able)	
Retail		(7,688)	Α	
Wholesale		5,712	В	
Transmission		3,273		
Other revenues		(2,081)		
Fuel and purchased power		(1,056)	С	
SPP network transmission costs		(2,799)		
Gross Margin		(4,639)		
Operating and maintenance w/o SPP NITS		(17,300)	D	
Depreciation and amortization		(3,800)	Е	
Selling, general and administrative		55		
Other income (expense)		6,423	F	
Interest expense		(691)		
Income tax expense		13,980	G	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(184)		
Change in shares outstanding	(0.01)			
2013 earnings attributable to common stock	\$	133,125	9	S 1.0-

### Major factors influencing the period to period change in EPS -- Favorable/(Unfavorable)

- A Due primarily to an 5% decrease in retail MWh sales (see page 7 for changes by customer class)
- B Due to a 13% increase in MWh sales (see page 7 for changes by customer class)
- C Due primarily to a 8% increase in the average cost of MWhs purchased
- D Major contributors include: higher property tax expense (this is largely offset in revenues through a property tax surcharge) -- (\$3.6M); higher tree trimming costs (offset through increased prices) -- (\$3.0M); higher operating and maintenance cost of fossil generating units -- (\$5.9M); higher cost at Wolf Creek including higher amortization of refueling outage costs and recognition of costs incurred during an unscheduled maintenance outage -- (\$4.2M)
- E Due principally to property additions
- F Due primarily to recording higher COLI proceeds in 2013 -- \$7.5M
- G Due primarily to lower income before income taxes

### Westar Energy, Inc. YTD September 2013 vs. 2012

### **Earnings Variances**

	Change					
	(\$ per share)	(Dollars	in Thousands)		(\$ per	share)
2012 earnings attributable to common stock		\$	227,923		\$	1.79
		Favora	ble/(Unfavora	able)		
Retail			27,727	Α		
Wholesale			33,783	В		
Transmission			12,245			
Other revenues			(677)			
Fuel and purchased power			(30,174)	С		
SPP network transmission costs			(9,569)			
Gross Margin			33,335			
Operating and maintenance w/o SPP NITS			(20,048)	D		
Depreciation and amortization			1,335	Е		
Selling, general and administrative			6,678	F		
Other income (expense)			4,997	G		
Interest expense			(3,904)			
Income tax expense			642			
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			(1,116)			
Preferred dividends			1,616			
Change in shares outstanding	(0.01)					
2013 earnings attributable to common stock		\$	251,458		\$	1.97

### Major factors influencing the period to period change in EPS -- Favorable/(Unfavorable)

- A Due primarily to increased average retail prices (see page 8 for changes by customer class)
- B Due to MWh sales increasing 20% (see page 8 for changes by customer class)
- C Due principally to increased MWhs generated
- D Due principally to: higher property tax expense (this is largely offset in revenues through a property tax surcharge) -- (\$13M); higher operating and maintenance cost for fossil fuel generation -- (\$6.0M); higher tree trimming costs (offset through increased prices) -- (\$3.3M)
- E Due to reduced depreciation rates to reflect changes in the estimated useful lives of some of our assets
- F Due primarily to restructuring insurance contracts to lower post-retirement and other employee benefit cost -- \$11.7M; lower labor costs -- \$6.7M; higher pension costs -- (\$12.8M)
- G Due primarily to recording more COLI benefits -- \$4.9M

### Westar Energy, Inc. Revenue, Sales and Energy Supply

Supplemental Data			Thre	e Months End	ded S	September 30,	
		2013		2012		Change	% Change
Revenues				(Dollars In			
Residential	\$	237,984	\$	250,757	\$	(12,773)	(5.1)
Commercial		199,921		194,032		5,889	3.0
Industrial		98,410		96,656		1,754	1.8
Other retail		3,153		3,125		28	0.9
Provision for rate refunds		696		3,282		(2,586)	(78.8)
Total Retail Revenues		540,164		547,852		(7,688)	(1.4)
Tariff-based wholesale		76,111		77,332		(1,221)	(1.6)
Market-based wholesale		18,385		11,452		6,933	60.5
Transmission		52,410		49,137		3,273	6.7
Other  Total Revenues	\$	7,904 694,974	\$	9,985	\$	(2,081)	(20.8)
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Electricity Sales				(Thousand	ls of	MWh)	
Residential		2,073		2,270		(197)	(8.7)
Commercial		2,163		2,215		(52)	(2.3)
Industrial		1,396		1,437		(41)	(2.9)
Other retail		22		20		2	10.0
Total Retail		5,654		5,942		(288)	(4.8)
Tariff-based wholesale		1,611		1,699		(88)	(5.2)
Market-based wholesale		755		395		360	91.1
Total wholesale		2,366		2,094	_	272	13.0
Total Electricity Sales	_	8,020	_	8,036	_	(16)	(0.2)
				(Dollars)	oer M	IWh)	
Total retail	\$	95.54	\$	92.20	\$	3.34	3.6
Tariff-based wholesale	\$	47.24	\$	45.52	\$	1.72	3.8
Market-based wholesale	\$	24.35	\$	28.99	\$	(4.64)	(16.0)
Fuel and Purchased Power				(Dollars In	Thou	sands)	
Fuel used for generation	\$	155,250	\$	160,774	\$	(5,524)	(3.4)
Purchased power		27,426		16,436		10,990	66.9
Subtotal		182,676		177,210		5,466	3.1
RECA recovery and other		(4,114)		296		(4,410)	nm
Total fuel and purchased power expense	\$	178,562	\$	177,506	\$	1,056	0.6
Electricity Supply				(Thousand	ls of	MWh)	
Generated - Gas		626		1,043		(417)	(40.0)
Coal		5,976		5,671		305	5.4
Nuclear		968		1,211		(243)	(20.1)
Wind		97		90		7	7.8
Subtotal electricity generated		7,667		8,015		(348)	(4.3)
Purchased		820	_	530	_	290	54.7
Total Electricity Supply	_	8,487	_	8,545	_	(58)	(0.7)
	_			(Dollars )			
Average cost of fuel used for generation	\$	20.25	\$	20.06	\$	0.19	0.9
Average cost of purchased power	\$	33.45	\$	31.01	\$	2.44	7.9
Average cost of fuel and purchased power	\$	21.52	\$	20.74	\$	0.78	3.8
Degree Days				2012/			
		2013		20 yr Avg		Change	% Change
Cooling	_			<u> </u>			<u> </u>

Actual compared to last year	1,104	1,306	(202)	(15.5)
Actual compared to 20 year average	1,104	1,123	(19)	(1.7)
Heating				
Actual compared to last year	13	31	(18)	(58.1)
Actual compared to 20 year average	13	44	(31)	(70.5)

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### Westar Energy, Inc. Revenue, Sales and Energy Supply

Supplemental Data			Nin	e Months End	ed Se	ptember 30,	
		2013		2012	% Change		
Revenues				(Dollars In	Thous	ands)	
Residential	\$	568,662	\$	566,069	\$	2,593	0.5
Commercial		513,049		493,814		19,235	3.9
Industrial		282,155		278,036		4,119	1.5
Other retail		9,520		9,249		271	2.9
Provision for rate refunds		(6,615)		(8,124)		1,509	18.6
Total Retail Revenues		1,366,771		1,339,044		27,727	2.1
Tariff-based wholesale		210,350		198,657		11,693	5.9
Market-based wholesale		52,399		30,309		22,090	72.9
Transmission		156,725		144,480		12,245	8.5
Other		24,531		25,208		(677)	(2.7)
Total Revenues	\$	1,810,776	\$	1,737,698	\$	73,078	4.2
Electricity Sales				(Thousand	s of M	///h)	
Residential		5,075		5,314	3 OF 1V	(239)	(4.5)
Commercial		5,075		5,314		(239)	(2.0)
Industrial Other retail		4,020 64		4,216		(196)	(4.6)
	_			63	_	(552)	1.6
Total Retail	_	14,881		15,434		(553)	(3.6)
Tariff-based wholesale  Market-based wholesale		4,418		4,289		129 938	3.0
	_	2,041 6,459		1,103		_	85.0
Total Wholesale	_	21,340	_	5,392 20,826	_	1,067 514	19.8
Total Electricity Sales	_	21,040	_	20,020	_	314	2.5
				(Dollars p	er M\	۸/h)	
Total retail	\$	91.85	\$	86.76	\$	5.09	5.9
Tariff-based wholesale	\$	47.61	\$	46.32	\$	1.29	2.8
Market-based wholesale	\$	25.67	\$	27.48	\$	(1.81)	(6.6)
	•		Ť		Ť	()	(3.3)
Fuel and Purchased Power				(Dollars In			
Fuel used for generation	\$	413,062	\$	374,153	\$	38,909	10.4
Purchased power	_	86,959	_	77,560	_	9,399	12.1
Subtotal		500,021		451,713		48,308	10.7
RECA recovery and other		(17,007)	_	1,127	_	(18,134)	nm
Total fuel and purchased power expense	\$	483,014	\$	452,840	\$	30,174	6.7
Electricity Supply				(Thousand	s of M	(Wh)	
Generated - Gas		1,490		2,183	0 0	(693)	(31.7)
Coal		15,910		13,848		2,062	14.9
Nuclear		2,259		2,641		(382)	(14.5)
Wind		311		338			
Subtotal electricity generated		19,970		19,010	_	960	(8.0)
Purchased		2,588		3,070		(482)	(15.7)
Total Electricity Supply	_	22,558		22,080		478	2.2
Total Electricity Supply	_		_	22,000	_		2.2
				(Dollars p	er MV	Wh)	
Average cost of fuel used for generation	\$	20.68	\$	19.68	\$	1.00	5.1
Average cost of purchased power	\$	33.60	\$	25.26	\$	8.34	33.0
Average cost of fuel and purchased power	\$	22.17	\$	20.46	\$	1.71	8.4
				00.131			
Degree Days		aa : -		2012/			0/ =:
	_	2013		20 yr Avg		Change	% Change

1,600

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Cooling

Actual compared to last year

Actual compared to 20 year average	1,600	1,583	17	1.1
Heating				
Actual compared to last year	3,103	2,038	1,065	52.3
Actual compared to 20 year average	3,103	2,859	244	8.5

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### Westar Energy, Inc.

Capitalization										
		Septe	ember 30, 2013		December 31, 2012					
		(Dollars in Thousands)								
Current maturities of long-term debt		\$	250,000		\$	_				
Current maturities of long-term debt of VIEs			27,764			25,942				
Long-term debt, net			2,968,797			2,819,271				
Long-term debt of variable interest entities, net			195,074			222,743				
Total long-term debt			3,441,635	53.1%		3,067,956	51.4%			
Common equity			3,032,680	46.8%		2,896,140	48.4%			
Noncontrolling interests			4,520	0.1%		14,115	0.29			
Total capitalization		\$	6,478,835	100.0%	\$	5,978,211	100.0%			
GAAP Book value per share		\$	23.87		\$	22.89				
Period end shares outstanding (in thousands)			127,064			126,504				
	Outstanding	Long	g-Term Debt							
	CUSIP	Septe	ember 30, 2013		Dec	cember 31, 2012				
Westar Energy:			(Dolla	ars in Thous	ands)					
First Mortgage Bond series:										
6.00% Series due July 2014	95709TAA8	\$	250,000		\$	250,000				
5.15% Series due January 2017	95709TAB6		125,000			125.000				

	CUSIP	September 30, 2013 December 31, 2012					
Westar Energy:		(Dollars in Thousands)					
First Mortgage Bond series:							
6.00% Series due July 2014	95709TAA8	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000				
5.15% Series due January 2017	95709TAB6	125,000	125,000				
5.95% Series due January 2035	95709TAC4	125,000	125,000				
5.10% Series due July 2020	95709TAD2	250,000	250,000				
5.875% Series due July 2036	95709TAE0	150,000	150,000				
8.625% Series due December 2018	95709TAG5	300,000	300,000				
4.125% Series due March 2042	95709TAH3	550,000	550,000				
4.10% Series due April 2043	95709TAJ9	250,000	<del>_</del>				
4.625% Series due September 2043	95709TAK6	250,000					
		2,250,000	1,750,000				
Pollution control bond series:							
Variable series due April 2032 (Wamego)	933623BN9	30,500	30,500				
Variable series due April 2032 (St Marys)	792609AF6	45,000	45,000				
		75,500	75,500				
Total Westar Energy		2,325,500	1,825,500				
VOT.							
KGE							
First mortgage bond series:							
6.53% Series due December 2037	485260BJ1	175,000	175,000				
6.15% Series due May 2023	485260B@1	50,000	50,000				
6.64%Series due May 2038	485260B#9	100,000	100,000				
6.70%Series due June 2019	U24448AB5	300,000	300,000				
		625,000	625,000				
Pollution control bond series:							
Variable rate series due April 2027 (LaCygne)	502828AJ5	21,940	21,940				
5.3% Series due June 2031	121825BW2	108,600	108,600				
5.3% Series due June 2031	933623BR0	18,900	18,900				
4.85% Series due June 2031	121825CB7	50,000	50,000				
5.6% Series due June 2031	121825CD3	_	50,000				
6.0% Series due June 2031	121825CE1	_	50,000				
5.0% Series due June 2031	121825CF8	50,000	50,000				
Variable rate series due April 2032 (St Marys)	792609AE9	14,500	14,500				
Variable rate series due April 2032 (Wamego)	933623BM1	10,000	10,000				
		273,940	373,940				
Total KGE		898,940	998,940				
Total laws town dobt		0.004.440	0.004.440				
Total long-term debt		3,224,440	2,824,440				
Unamortized debt discount		(5,643)	(5,169)				
Long-term debt due within one year		(250,000)	<u> </u>				

2,968,797

Total long-term debt, net

2,819,271

The Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in the company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013 should be read in conjunction with this financial information.

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### Westar Energy, Inc. GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Fuel and purchased power costs fluctuate with electricity sales and unit costs. As permitted by regulators, prices are adjusted to reflect changes in the costs of fuel and purchased power. Fuel and purchased power costs for wholesale customers are recovered at prevailing market prices or based on a predetermined formula with a price adjustment approved by FERC. As a result, changes in fuel and purchased power costs are offset in revenues with minimal impact on net income. For this reason, Westar management believes that gross margin is useful for understanding and analyzing changes in operating performance from one period to the next. Gross margin is calculated as total revenues, including transmission revenues, less the sum of fuel and purchased power costs and amounts billed by the SPP for network transmission costs (SPP NITS). Accordingly, gross margin reflects transmission revenues and costs on a net basis. However, transmission costs are recorded as operating and maintenance expense on Westar's consolidated statements of income.

The calculations of gross margin and operating and maintenance expense w/o SPP NITS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 are shown in the table below. The table also includes a reconciliation of gross margin to income from operations for both periods. Income from operations is the GAAP financial measure most directly comparable to gross margin. Operating and maintenance expense is the GAAP financial measure most directly comparable to operating and maintenance expense w/o SPP NITS.

		Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2013 2012 Change					2013 2012			Change				
	(Dollars			(Dollars in	Thousands)								
Revenues													
Residential	\$	237,984	\$	250,757	\$	(12,773)	\$	568,662	\$	566,069	\$	2,593	
Commercial		199,921		194,032		5,889		513,049		493,814		19,235	
Industrial		98,410		96,656		1,754		282,155		278,036		4,119	
Other retail		3,849		6,407		(2,558)		2,905		1,125		1,780	
Total Retail Revenues		540,164		547,852		(7,688)		1,366,771		1,339,044		27,727	
Wholesale		94,496		88,784		5,712		262,749		228,966		33,783	
Transmission		52,410		49,137		3,273		156,725		144,480		12,245	
Other		7,904		9,985		(2,081)		24,531		25,208		(677)	
Total Revenues		694,974		695,758		(784)		1,810,776		1,737,698		73,078	
Less: Fuel and purchased power expense		178,562		177,506		1,056		483,014		452,840		30,174	
SPP network transmission costs		45,315		42,516		2,799		133,711		124,142		9,569	
Gross Margin	\$	471,097	\$	475,736	\$	(4,639)	\$	1,194,051	\$	1,160,716	\$	33,335	
Gross margin	\$	471,097	\$	475,736	\$	(4,639)	\$	1,194,051	\$	1,160,716	\$	33,335	
Add: SPP network transmission costs		45,315		42,516		2,799		133,711		124,142		9,569	
Less: Operating and maintenance expense		169,100		149,001		20,099		491,132		461,515		29,617	
Depreciation and amortization expense		68,861		65,061		3,800		203,305		204,640		(1,335)	
Selling, general and administrative expense		54,245		54,300		(55)		157,668		164,346		(6,678)	
Income from operations	\$	224,206	\$	249,890	\$	(25,684)	\$	475,657	\$	454,357	\$	21,300	
Operating and maintenance expense	\$	169,100	\$	149,001	\$	20,099	\$	491,132	\$	461,515	\$	29,617	
Less: SPP network transmission costs		45,315		42,516		2,799		133,711		124,142		9,569	
Operating and maintenance expense w/o SPP NITS	\$	123,785	\$	106,485	\$	17,300	\$	357,421	\$	337,373	\$	20,048	



### 2013 Earnings Guidance November Update

2013 updated earnings per share range

\$2.20 - \$2.30

### November update:

Increase in guidance reflects stronger residential and commercial sales, lower interest expense, additional O&M expense reductions and lower effective income tax rate.

### Key drivers and assumptions for 2013:

- Weather adjusted total retail sales flat
- Transmission revenue increase ~\$18 million effective January
  - Includes companion retail TDC of ~\$11 million effective April
- Combined O&M and SG&A ~5% gross increase
  - Reflects ~1% <u>decrease</u> for all items without revenue offsets (i.e., gross increase includes ~\$49 million increase for items with a revenue offset, such as SPP Transmission, property taxes, pension and tree trimming expenses)
- Depreciation and amortization expense increase ~\$4 million
- Annual adjustment to Environmental Cost Recovery Rider ~\$27 million effective June 1
- Includes \$17 million of COLI proceeds vs. \$14 million planned
- Equity AFUDC increase ~\$2 million
- Prairie Wind joint venture earnings increase ~\$4 million
- Effective tax rate of approximately 29-30%
- Funding 2013 construction program:
  - Primary source will be debt
  - Settle ~2 million shares already priced under earlier forward sale agreements

The effects of the key assumptions are not necessarily independent of one another, and the combination of effects can cause individual impacts smaller or larger than the ranges indicated.

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Plan to provide 2014 guidance with year end 2013 results in February

#### 2014 Drivers:

- Retail MWh sales up modestly 50 75 bp
- Modest price adjustments
  - \$31 million 2012 abbreviated rate case
  - \$37 million transmission formula rate and companion TDC
  - \$13 million environmental cost recovery rider
- ~3% increase in combined O&M and SG&A expenses without revenue offset items
  - $^{\circ}$  ~10% increase top line combined O&M and SG&A expenses, includes transmission and property tax expenses that have revenue offsets
- COLI proceeds ~\$14 million
- Effective tax rate 31-33%
- Financing
  - No additional equity
  - Refinance \$250M first mortgage bond due July
  - Settle ~\$60 million of forward shares already priced under ATM

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