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Page 1 Page 3 In re: KCP&L Meeting the corporate structure, just like Kansas City Power & 2 2 Light and GMO. So Great Plains Energy will then have 3 MAY 31, 2016 3 three operating companies. Operationally, though, 4 we'll work through the next year during our approvals 5 to figure out how exactly we'll structure things and do things. But, physically, it'll be another operating company for us. The reason that's important 8 is that this is a holding company purchase of Westar, and as a result, we don't need approval from the 9 9 10 Missouri regulatory body. 10 11 So we've been talking about this for 11 12 12 20 years. There are some of you in this room who were around last time we talked about this. So to give you 13 13 a brief kind of outline of what happened, it speaks a 15 15 little to strategy, but you've heard and probably seen in the press that Mark Ruelle, the CEO of Westar, has 16 16 17 17 said that we, as companies in our business, need to 18 get bigger. We need to be more efficient. We've got 18 19 Court Reporter: low, low growth. We've got increasing costs. In our 20 Lauren N. Lawrence, RPR, Missouri Notary Public 20 ability to keep costs down for our customers' demand, 21 Midwest Litigation Services 21 we're going to get more efficient. 22 1301 Oak Street, Suite B 22 We've all got a lot more efficient, and so 23 Kansas City, Missouri 64106 23 the next step is likely to be getting bigger. He 816-221-1160 24 24 called it — people tend to pick a path. You're either 1-800-280-3376 a buyer or a seller. And they announced that Page 2 Page 4 1 1 they were a seller, and back — first of the year, 2 (Meeting commenced at 2:30 p.m.) 2 they started a process to evaluate the possible sale 3 PRESIDENT BASSHAM: Good afternoon. 3 of their company. At that point in time, we began the process of AUDIENCE: Good afternoon. PRESIDENT BASSHAM: Thank you for coming participating. Just like we did with Aquila, we weren't together quickly. This is a better turnout than we out looking. We weren't out shopping, but we 7 normally get. What's that all about? Thank you for 7 certainly were paying attention to what was going on. 8 being here. Well, just to get right to the point, 8 We've talked about it many times, that that's what's 9 we're going to cover a little territory here in a 9 important from us, is to be prepared, to be in quick presentation, but really, what I'll do is give 10 financial shape and operational shape to be able to 10 you the information, and then we'll talk a little bit 11 take advantage of things when they come about. And 12 12 that's what happened. 13 13

Those of you who know me well know that I 14 don't enjoy talking a lot, and I've been talking a lot today. So I want to be sure and talk to you as well 15 and thank you for all your hard work and where it's 16 17 really positioned us to be able to have this 18 conversation today. So, put very simply, today is truly a historic moment and a great milestone for our 20 company moving forward. This morning at 5:00, we 21 announced, as you know, the transaction purchasing 100 percent of the stock of Westar Energy to be a 22 subsidiary of Great Plains Energy. 23 24 We will — the way the transition works is

that the subsidiary will be located physically within

We've talked about it many times, that that's what's important from us, is to be prepared, to be in financial shape and operational shape to be able to take advantage of things when they come about. And that's what happened.

So we participated. It was a long process.

I want to thank the team that participated. A lot of due diligence, a lot of no talking. It was a process that had to be kept quiet. You might have even seen some companies rumored to be participating, and we were not. That's because we did it the right way, and you didn't see leaks from our group. Result-wise, back on Sunday, our board approved a bid — a final bid, which you've seen. And their board approved accepting that bid for the acquisition of Westar leading to the announcement this morning.

Why do we think this is the right thing to do? In addition to the discussion around our industry

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in general and our need for efficiencies and providing better service to our customers at better pricing, 3 this was meant to be. This was the way it ought to 4 be. That's why it's been going on for 20 years.

And you see a hash tag up here, but there is no question — and I talked to the employees of Westar this morning. There is no question that our two companies together will be better. We will be better together than we were separate.

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10 Just like with Aquila, our service 11 territories are contiguous. We're already partners of Westar. We own Wolf Creek together. We own La Cygne 12 together. We own a piece of Jeffrey together. We are 13 already partners. We know them well from a resource 14 perspective and an ability to make a bid and to 15 participate in this process, our knowledge of them, of 17 their culture, of their company made this very 18 possible. And that's because of the great work that 19 each of you guys do every day.

I'll also tell you that that partnership 20 21 was a factor in our ability to win the bid. In the end, Mark made it very clear that what was important 22 23 to them was value and ability to close. So, 24 obviously, entering into this kind of agreement and 25 having it fall apart in front of the regulator six

collectively as a group, with our interactions with them over the course of the next year, for them to see 2 3 exactly that.

4 One of the things I also always do when 5 somebody says, well, but are they really going to be serious about, you know, considering us for jobs -6 7 and I always point to the COO of this company, who 8 came from Aquila. There are days I regret that, 9 but [laughter] — but I still point at it. I still point at it. 10 That's important. That's very important.

So what does that mean for jobs? I obviously got that from the meeting this morning. You know, we made a couple of promises. And they are important promises from a cultural perspective and from an economic development perspective. The first promise we made — and it was a request — is that we maintain their headquarters in downtown Topeka.

17 18 Now, what we said was and what we plan to 19 do is we will make that downtown headquarters the 20 headquarters for Kansas operations. Statistically, 21 we'll have 1.5 million customers. A million of them will be in Kansas. So Kansas is an important part of 22 23 who we are going forward, so having a headquarters 24 there makes sense. Their downtown headquarters is one 25 of only a few buildings in downtown that remains

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months from now makes no sense. And our ability to 2 close, our ability to perform, both in the financial 3 markets and with our regulator was a key factor for them deciding that we were the better partner than 4 5 anyone else. And that's something, again, we should be very, very proud of. 6

So how do we get there? We're going to 8 come together, we are going to work hard like we did 9 with the Aquila transaction, and we are going to become one organization. Again, we talk about being 10 better together. It's just like with Aquila. We have 11 got great people in both companies. You know, as with 13 most of these things, the greatest asset we will acquire in this transaction will be the people of 15 Westar. When we talk about people first, this 16 certainly applies.

17 And I talk about that because I want everybody to understand and agree with that. When it 18 19 comes to our communications with them over the next 20 year, it's a partnership. It's a collaboration.

Think about how some of those folks might feel today. 21

22 And I talked to them this morning. They do feel that

23 way. They are excited that it's us, to be candid, but 24

they are also excited about some of the things we're

saying, which is just that. And I think it's up to us

occupied. They are trying to build that downtown up.

2 And if you think for a minute, that is exactly why we

3 are in this building down here. Being part of the

4 community, part of downtown, and part of that ongoing

5 rejuvenation is economic development.

6 And that's who we are; right? I mean, when we do that kind of thing, we have more business, we 8 have more people, we have more electricity sales. So it's important from a cultural perspective, but it's 10 also important from a business perspective. That just makes good common sense.

Now, the other part of it is we have to get more efficient. That's why we're doing this; right? We're not just getting more territory to have more territory. We are getting more territory and more customers so that we can be more efficient and spread across over a larger group of people.

So are we going to have fewer jobs today than we had yesterday? The answer is yes. Absolutely. That's how this works. If we take all their employees and all our employees and nobody goes home, nobody does anything different, well, what did

22 23 we just do? You know? We've got the same commitment

24 to people we've always had.

25 From the Union perspective what you see

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1 is — just like with Aquila — most of our Union

- 2 folks, you know, they serve our customers out in the
- 3 field and in the power plants. That's not really
- 4 going to change. So it's a lot of support services.
- 5 And what we're going to do is use the tools we used
- 6 with Aquila and use the tools we have available to
- make sure that transition is smooth, to make sure that
- 8 it works well for each of our families and each of our 9 people.
- 10 In the end, we've got 4 to 5 percent
- 11 requirements every single year. Attrition. That's a
- lot of folks. You know, that's 150 people per
- company. That's 300 people that leave every year just
- 14 through attrition because of retirements and other
- 15 choices they make. We've used that tool for many
- 16 years to manage and not backfill move people
- around, manage processes, and we'll use that again
- 18 here. We've got a year of attrition. We'll take
- 19 advantage of it before we get to close. We'll look at
- other opportunities, and we'll evaluate ways to get
- more efficient as we go to make sure that that
- ultimate effect is as smooth of a transition as
- possible. 23

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- 24 One of the things to understand about
- 25 synergies or understand about efficiencies, we've

1 got — I don't know if any of you heard the call this

3 because when you generate a savings, you get to keep

2 morning, but we get a lot of questions about that,

4 it and give it — use it for shareholders until you

5 have a rate case. And then, of course, all of our

6 costs get trued-up, and you effectively give those

Well, in this case, that same thing is

file rate cases as we generate efficiencies. Those

12 And then the day that rate case is done, the next 13 efficiency we generate we get to keep again until the

14 next rate case. That's kind of how we'll go about

But what does that also mean from our

efficiency we can by day one. Not that we shouldn't

be trying to achieve all we can by day one, but — but 20 those immediately given back won't magically do these

17 process? We're not trying to generate every single

over time. That's how we generate long-term

Think of supply chain. One of the best

25 of our supply chain process. And, admittedly, when I

24 improvements we've had since Aquila was the creation

planned — is what we planned. And that is that we'll

will be given back, but until they are, we keep them.

- 1 talk to those guys over there, we are ahead of them
- 2 considerably. They look like we did about five or six
- 3 years ago. Well, that doesn't happen overnight. The
- 4 process for an organizational process of working
- through the plants, working through our inventories,
- and then ultimately working with vendors to put us in
- a position to generate those kind of savings, that
- 8 takes time. That gives us that opportunity to
- continue to prove on an ongoing basis and hold on to
- those savings until the next time we get there.
- Ultimately, in the end, just like with Aquila, we'll
- 12 be reducing costs on an ongoing basis for our
- 13 customers by giving them all that, the rate cases. 14
 - At Aquila we reported, after five years,
- 15 700 million and lower costs that we generated through
- that process. The ability to do that here is on a
- 17 much greater scale. So we're very, very excited about
- 18 that.
- 19 So what's the approval process? We'll file
- 20 the filings in Kansas in June and July. Yes? Right?
- 21 June or July?
- STAFF MEMBER: Yes, sir. 22
- 23 PRESIDENT BASSHAM: He put August
- 24 originally, but we moved it back a little. There's a
- 25 statutory time period for approval of that in Kansas,

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- - 1 which is good. So that means that we will be set to 2 close after approval in the spring of 2017. Other
 - 3 approvals are necessary from other regulatory bodies
 - and also a shareholder vote. So we have got a lot to
 - do. We've got a lot to get started on, but we have an
 - incredible opportunity here moving forward.
 - I can't tell you how proud I am to be
 - standing here talking to you today. When I hear Mark
 - talk to his folks and talk to investors about why they
 - 10 chose us and why we together can create a great
 - company going forward, it's an incredible thing. And
 - 12 that's because of the people that are listening to
 - 13 this and are in this room today, all the work you do.
 - We've talked before about what's the best 14 way to be sure that we don't get an offer and be
 - bought and that's that we be very, very valuable, that
 - 17 we be very efficient when people look — how do I
 - create synergy? I want to know how to do that,
 - because they are so good. We're in that position.
 - That's why we're strong enough today, we have a cash
 - flow today, we have the credit today to be able to do 21
 - 22 what we just did.
 - 23 It shouldn't go without notice that we're
 - 24 materially the smaller company, and yet we were able
 - 25 to do this. That's only because of the people in this

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shareholder value.

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1 room and only because of the people listening to this
2 and because together these two companies are much
3 better together. 8

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