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## Westar Energy, Inc.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on  
May 19, 2016

Dear Shareholder,

The 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Westar Energy, Inc. will be held in the Shawnee Room at the Maner Conference Center, located at the southeast corner of 17th Street and Western Avenue in Topeka, Kansas 66612, on May 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Central Daylight Saving Time. If you require directions to attend the meeting and vote in person, please contact Westar Energy, Inc. Shareholder Services.

Proposals to be considered at the 2016 Annual Meeting:

- The election of three Class II directors to serve for a term of three years;
- An advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation;
- The ratification and confirmation of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2016;
- Approval of an amendment to our Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan, as amended and restated, and re-approval of the material terms of the performance goals under the plan;
- Approval of the Shareholder proposal requiring a report on our strategies surrounding distributed generation; and
- The conduct of other business properly raised before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

**The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR all of the nominees, FOR the advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation, FOR the ratification and confirmation of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2016; FOR Approval of an amendment to our Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan, as amended and restated, and re-approval of the material terms of the performance goals under the plan and AGAINST the Approval of the Shareholder Proposal requiring a report on our strategies surrounding distributed generation.**

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Your electronic vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed, dated and returned the proxy card.



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**Go to <http://www.cstproxyvote.com>**

Have your notice available when you access the above website.  
Follow the prompts to vote your shares.

**The Proxy Materials are available for review at:  
<http://www.cstproxy.com/westarenergy/2016>**

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THIS IS NOT A PROXY CARD. You may not use this form to vote your shares. You may request a paper proxy card by following the instructions at the bottom of this form. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The following documents can be viewed at: [www.cstproxy.com/westarenergy/2016](http://www.cstproxy.com/westarenergy/2016)

- Proxy Statement
- Annual Report

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one, at no charge to you. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before May 5, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.

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