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WESTAR ENERGY EMPLOYEES GATHER FOR 100 YEAR CELEBRATION PHOTO

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 21, 2009 — Westar Energy will celebrate 100 years of providing electric service in Kansas this December. On Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, employees from different departments throughout the company will join together to take a photograph in the shape of a 100. The photo will go on the back cover of a commemorative book that will be given to each employee.

The photo will be taken at 3:30 p.m. on the north side of the Westar Energy Topeka Operations Center.

Directions to Topeka Operations Center: 4001 NW 14th, Topeka, KS 66618. From I-70, take highway 75 north 4/5 mile to NW Lower Silver Lake Rd. Take NW Lower Silver Lake Rd. 1/2 mile east to NW Saline St. Take NW Saline St. south 1/4 mile until it turns 14th St.

Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE: WR) is the largest consolidated electric utility in Kansas, providing electric service to more than 684,000 customers in the state. Westar Energy has about 6,800 megawatts of electric generation capacity and operates and coordinates more than 35,000 miles of electric distribution and transmission lines.

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