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**WESTAR ENERGY AND CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEMONSTRATE HANDS-ON WIND TURBINE EDUCATION**

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 14, 2009 — Westar Energy and Cloud County Community College will demonstrate hands-on wind turbine education Friday, Oct. 16 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the college. Cloud County Community College instructors and students will demonstrate turbine rescue techniques, proper bolt tightening procedures and turbine blade repair

In May, Westar Energy donated one of two obsolete 750 kilowatt (kW) wind turbines from Jeffrey Energy Center. In the late 1990s, Westar became the first utility to commercially operate a wind turbine in the state of Kansas. The two Jeffrey Energy Center wind turbines aided Westar in the development of the largest wind energy program of its kind in Kansas and helped rank Westar among the top 10 utilities in the nation for wind power per customer.

Cloud County Community College is the only college in Kansas approved to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in Wind Energy Technology. The program began in 2006 with one evening class, one instructor and four students. There are currently four instructors teaching 104 students, with 168 students on a waiting list to join the program.

“Wind Energy technicians are in high demand, it is important that universities and utility companies continue to work together to maintain a strong relationship” said Greg Greenwood, Westar’s vice president of generation construction.

Cloud County Community College is hosting Friday’s demonstration in recognition of Westar Energy’s donation to the program.

Directions to Cloud County Community College: 2221 Campus Drive Concordia, KS 66901. From the south, take highway 81 north to College Drive, turn left and continue 1/3 mile to turbine demonstration.

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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