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**WESTAR ENERGY SCHEDULES CONFERENCE CALL
TO DISCUSS FIRST QUARTER 2010 RESULTS**

TOPEKA, Kan., April 20, 2010 – On May 6, 2010, Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) will release first-quarter 2010 earnings after market close. On Friday May 7, 2010, the company will host its quarterly conference call and audio webcast to discuss the operating results.

Event: Westar Energy First Quarter 2010 Earnings Conference Call and Webcast

Date: May 7, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. Eastern (7:30 a.m. Central)

Location: 1) Phone conference call at 866-700-7477, participant code 69107716 or
2) Log on to the webcast at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>

In conjunction with the earnings release and conference call the company plans to post on its website supplemental financial information related to first quarter performance. The materials will be available under Investor Presentations in the Investors section of the company website at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

A replay of the conference call will be available from about 10:30 a.m. Eastern, May 7 through May 19, at 888-286-8010, conference ID #62816298. The replay also will be available on the Westar Energy website at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE: WR) is the largest consolidated electric utility in Kansas, providing electric service to more than 685,000 customers in the state. Westar Energy has about 7,100 megawatts of electric generation capacity and operates and coordinates more than 35,000 miles of electric distribution and transmission lines.

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