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**WESTAR ENERGY INVITES RESIDENTS TO GODDARD
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT OPEN HOUSE**

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 22, 2011 — Westar Energy will conduct an open house from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the Goddard City Council Chambers, 118 N. Main, Goddard, to meet with landowners and the public regarding construction of Westar's new transmission line north of Goddard along 199th Street. This transmission line will begin at the new substation on the east side of 199th Street and run north to the existing transmission line a half mile north of 13th Street.

The open house is informal and designed so that attendees can come and go at their convenience. Large project maps will be displayed at the open house and Westar representatives from transmission engineering, real estate and various other departments will be available to answer questions. Landowners directly impacted by the project through easement requirements were mailed a letter inviting them to the open house; however, the meeting is open to the public.

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Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE: WR) is the largest electric utility in Kansas, providing electric service to about 687,000 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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