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## **WESTAR ENERGY, KANSAS POWER POOL ANNOUNCE APPROVAL OF POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

WICHITA, Kan., May 12, 2010 — Westar Energy and the Kansas Power Pool (KPP) announced today the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved a 50-megawatt (MW) Unit Participation Agreement between Westar and KPP. The agreement is a 10-year base load power supply from Jeffrey Energy Center. Jeffrey Energy Center is Westar's largest generation facility.

“We are very pleased that FERC has approved this agreement – it will provide benefits to all of our members. We have been working on this agreement for quite a while and look forward to continuing our relationship with Westar Energy,” Colin Whitley, CEO and general manager of KPP said.

“We, too, are very pleased that FERC has approved the agreement and look forward to supplying the KPP and its member communities with their electricity needs. This is a win/win for both organizations. This agreement is a good base load resource for KPP. Westar is pleased to be able to meet this demand and provide such a valuable resource to KPP and its members,” said Doug Sterbenz, Westar Energy executive vice president and chief operating officer.

KPP is an association of Kansas municipalities that assists members in providing the most effective and efficient wholesale electric service. KPP began providing service to its

members in May 2005. Today, KPP has a membership of 42 cities, covering nearly two-thirds of the state of Kansas. The 50-MW Unit Participation contract amounts to approximately 15 percent of the required capacity to serve KPP's members.

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