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**WESTAR ENERGY INVITES MEDIA TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
STATION DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Downtown public charging station will be the first in Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 5, 2011 — Westar Energy’s ElectroGo is celebrating Topeka’s first public electric vehicle (EV) charging station with a dedication ceremony on Friday, Oct. 14, starting at 10 a.m. on the sidewalk near Westar’s general office at the corner of 8th Street and Kansas Avenue.

“This is an exciting time for consumers. EV’s have the ability to help reduce our dependency on foreign oil by using a fuel we generate right here in Kansas – electricity,” said Doug Sterbenz, executive vice president and chief operating officer. “Electric vehicle customers can also achieve 75 percent or greater savings on fuel expenses and reduced greenhouse-gas emissions versus gas-powered vehicles.”

The charging station will allow electric vehicle drivers to top off their charge while downtown. The station will be a level 2, providing 240-volt charging, that Westar will offer as a courtesy to electric vehicle drivers. The Level 2 charger provides a faster charge than a standard household 120-volt outlet. The plug on the charging station is standard for all commercially available EV's.

Westar also plans to install a public charging station in Emporia, Lawrence and Wichita. ElectroGo's website, Westarelectrogo.com, provides customers general information about electric vehicles. Westar currently has eight EV's in its fleet, including two Chevy Volts, two Ford Transit Connect Electric models (with two more to be delivered this month), two Nissan LEAFs and two Smith Electric Vehicles. Depending on make and model, EV's are expected to be available in Kansas late this year and early next year.

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