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WESTAR ENERGY TO WEBCAST 2011 ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

TOPEKA, Kan., May 12, 2011 – On Thursday, May 19, 2011, Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) will conduct its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Emerald Ballroom at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kan. The audio of the meeting will be accessible on the Westar Energy homepage, www.WestarEnergy.com. The meeting and webcast will begin at 11 a.m. Eastern (10 a.m. Central)

Event: Westar Energy 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Date: May 19, 2011

Time: 11 a.m. Eastern (10 a.m. Central)

Location: 1) Emerald Ballroom, Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Boulevard,
Topeka, Kan., or

2) Log on to the webcast at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>. A replay of the meeting will be available on the Westar Energy website.

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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 6,800 megawatts of electric generation capacity and operates and coordinates more than 34,000 miles of electric distribution and transmission lines.

For more information about Westar Energy, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.