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**WESTAR ENERGY SCHEDULES CONFERENCE CALL  
TO DISCUSS SECOND QUARTER 2011 RESULTS**

TOPEKA, Kan., July 14, 2011 – On Aug. 4, 2011, Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) plans to release second-quarter 2011 earnings after market close. On Friday Aug. 5, 2011, the company plans to host its quarterly conference call and audio webcast to discuss the operating results.

**Event:** Westar Energy Q2 2011 Earnings Conference Call and Webcast

**Date:** Aug. 5, 2011

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. Eastern (9:00 a.m. Central)

**Location:** 1) Phone conference call at 800-920-8624, participant code 66988949 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 Supplemental Materials in the Investors section of the company website at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

A replay of the conference call will be available from about 12:00 p.m. Eastern Aug. 5 through Aug. 17 at 888-286-8010, conference ID #42283104. The replay also will be available on the Westar Energy website at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

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

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