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WESTAR ENERGY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AT COAL PLANTS

Rotarians, utility officials tour plants to learn about Westar's award-winning operations.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 29, 2011 — Westar Energy, Inc. will host two international groups at its power plants in early May. A group of Australian Rotarians will tour Jeffrey Energy Center as one stop among several as they learn about U.S. energy use and production. Utility professionals from CLP Power in Hong Kong will visit Jeffrey and Lawrence Energy Centers to learn about Westar's coal handling practices.

The Rotarians will have lunch then tour Westar's largest power plant, Jeffrey Energy Center at 11:30 a.m. May 4. The plant is north of St. Marys. On May 13, the Rotarians will meet from noon to 2:30 p.m. at Westar Energy's headquarters, 818 S. Kansas, to meet with Doug Sterbenz, executive vice president and chief operating officer, and hear from company experts about energy topics, including renewable energy, smart grid and power distribution.

CLP representatives will join John Bridson, vice president, generation, to tour Jeffrey the afternoon of May 5 and Lawrence Energy Center the morning of May 6. Both plants have earned the designation of PRB Plant of the Year. The award is given by the PRB Coal Users' Group, which promotes the safe, efficient and economic use of Powder River Basin coals by generating companies that currently use, or are considering the use of PRB coals. Plants that burn PRB coal

are of interest to CLP Power because it shares characteristics with coal used in power plants the company operates.

Media are invited to meet the visitors and join the tours. Please contact Gina Penzig for arrangements.

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