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**WESTAR ENERGY URGES CUSTOMERS TO BE ON THE ALERT
FOR HOME ELECTRICITY AUDIT IMPOSTERS**

WICHITA, Kan., March 26, 2013 — Westar Energy received a report today of a man knocking on doors and asking to enter homes in the Derby area claiming to be a Westar Energy employee performing home electricity audits. The man does not work for Westar Energy or any partner company.

All Westar Energy employees carry company identification and would readily provide credentials. Many employees also wear apparel bearing the Westar Energy logo. If you are suspicious about a claim, ask to see Westar Energy employee identification. Customers may also call the Westar Energy Customer Relations Center at 1-800-383-1183 to verify that an employee has been sent to their home or business. If verification is denied, customers should contact local law enforcement to report the details.

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