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**WESTAR ENERGY SCHEDULES CONFERENCE CALL
TO DISCUSS 1ST QUARTER 2013 RESULTS**

TOPEKA, Kan., Apr. 19, 2013 – On May 8, 2013, Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) plans to release first-quarter 2013 earnings after market close. On Thursday May 9, 2013, the company plans to host its quarterly conference call and audio webcast to discuss the operating results.

Event: Westar Energy 1st Quarter Conference Call and Webcast

Date: May 9, 2013

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

Location: 1) Phone conference call at 866.953.6859, participant code 30092045 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 May 9 through May 17 at 888-286-8010, conference ID #31324824. The replay also will be available on the Westar Energy website at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

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