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WESTAR ENERGY TO WEBCAST 2013 ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

TOPEKA, Kan., May 7, 2013 – On Thursday, May 16, 2013, Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) will conduct its 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Emerald Ballroom at the Capitol 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 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Date: May 16, 2013

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

Location: 1) Emerald Ballroom, Capitol 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 Kansas' largest electric utility. For more than a century, we have provided Kansans the safe, reliable electricity needed to power their businesses and homes. Every day our team of professionals takes on projects to generate and deliver electricity, protect the environment and provide excellent service to our nearly 700,000 customers. Westar has 7,200 MW of electric generation capacity fueled by coal, uranium, natural gas, wind and landfill gas. We are also a leader in electric transmission in Kansas. Our innovative customer service programs include mobile-enabled customer care, a smart meter pilot project and paving the way for electric vehicle adoption. Our employees live, volunteer and work in the communities we serve.

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