



Wellington native to lead Jeffrey Energy Center.

Topeka, Kan., June 6, 2013 — Doug Mericle has been named executive director, Jeffrey Energy Center. JEC is the state's largest power plant located near St. Marys.

“Doug will provide strong leadership as well as appropriate technical help to the decision makers at the plant. I will sleep well knowing our largest generation asset is in good hands with Doug,” said John Bridson, vice president, generation.

Mericle joined Westar Energy in 2002 as an electrician/operator at Murray Gill Energy Center in Wichita. After holding a variety of posts with increasing levels of responsibility at Westar Energy's natural gas-fueled plants, Mericle became executive director of gas power plants in 2010, the post he held when he earned the promotion to lead JEC.

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