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## Westar Energy board names new controller.

Topeka native Kongs to take role Nov. 8, upon Wages' retirement.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 10, 2013 — The Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) board of directors approved the promotion of Kevin Kongs, assistant controller, to vice president, controller, effective Nov. 8, 2013. Lee Wages, who has served as controller since 1999, will retire effective Nov. 8.

“Over his 36 years at Westar, Lee developed into a valued member of the company’s management team, providing leadership as well as technical expertise in accounting and other areas where he worked,” said Mark Ruelle, president and CEO. “Kevin brings a depth of knowledge and tenure as he joins our executive team.”

Kongs, a native of Topeka, has led teams in accounting, tax and financial accounting during his 24 years with Westar Energy. He has served as assistant controller since 2006. In 2012 and 2013, he served as co-lead on an IT transformation project that updated legacy accounting systems and drove change in business practices throughout the company.

Kongs volunteers as treasurer of LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center and delivers meals for Meals on Wheels. Kongs is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant and earned a bachelor’s of business administration degree in accounting and an MBA from Washburn University in Topeka. He resides in Topeka with his wife.

Wages started his career with Westar Energy in 1977 as a regulatory analyst. He held a variety of leadership roles in internal audit, staff operations, accounting and strategy before becoming controller. He and his wife reside in Topeka.

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