



Work on Atchison's electric system continues along parts of 10th and Walnut streets.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 13, 2013 – Beginning on Monday, Sept. 16, and continuing for the next several weeks, traffic will be reduced to one lane or detoured around closed streets along 10th Street, between L Street and Commercial Street; along L Street between 10th and Walnut; and along Walnut Street from L Street to 298th Road while Westar Energy contractors work on the Atchison electric system that runs parallel to the roads listed above. Crews will be working between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. to replace the shield wire that protects the underlying conductor from lightning strikes.

This work is part of a project to upgrade Atchison's electric system that will continue throughout the rest of the year in and around Atchison. Power outages resulting from this work are not expected.

– 30 –

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, digital meters and paving the way for electric vehicle adoption. Our employees live, volunteer and work in the communities we serve.

For more information about Westar Energy, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

Media Contact:

Erin La Row
Sr. communications representative
Phone: 785.575.6060
Erin.la.row@westarenergy.com
Or media line: 888.613.0003