

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 2, 2006

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-3523
(Commission File Number)

48-0290150
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas
(Address of principal executive offices)

66612
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (785) 575-6300

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 7. Regulation FD Disclosure

Item 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure

We will be attending the Citigroup Power, Gas and Utilities Conference on March 2 and 3, 2006 in Miami, Florida. A copy of the presentation to be used at the conference is attached to this report and incorporated herein by this reference. The presentation is also available on our web site, <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

The information in this report is being furnished, not filed. Accordingly, the information in this report will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Presentation to be used on the Citigroup Power, Gas and Utilities Conference on March 2-3, 2006

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The information contained in this report is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of our SEC filings and other public announcements that we may make, by press release or otherwise, from time to time. We disclaim any current intention to revise or update the information contained in this report, although we may do so from time to time as our management believes is warranted. Any such updating may be made through the filing of other reports or documents with the SEC, through press releases or through other public disclosure.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Westar Energy, Inc.

Date: March 2, 2006

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

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Citigroup

Power, Gas and Utilities Conference

Miami, FL

March 2-3, 2006



Forward-Looking Statements Disclosure

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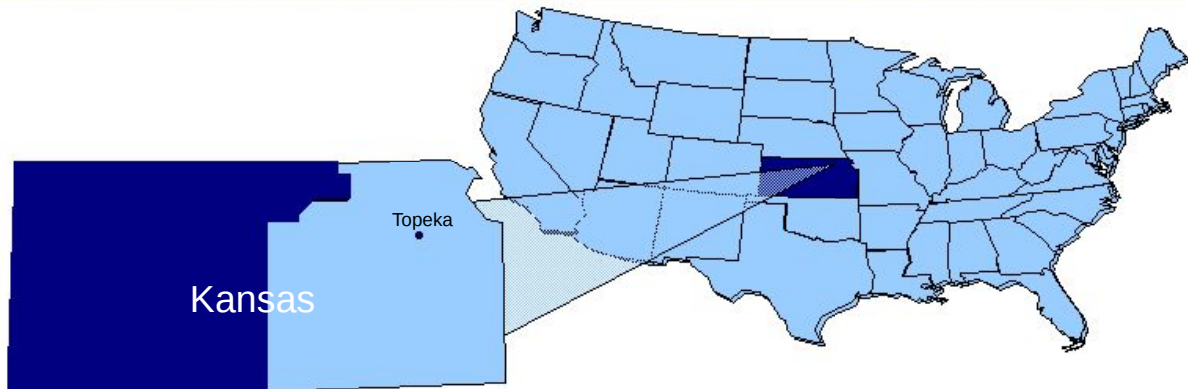


Successful Transformation Complete

- After strategic missteps in the late 1990s, Westar brought in new management in December 2002
- Westar launched sweeping “back-to-basics” strategy
 - ☞ Returned Westar to being exclusively a regulated, vertically integrated electric utility
- Executed strategy according to plan and ahead of schedule
 - ☞ Reduced debt by more than half, significantly improving credit quality
 - ☞ Dramatic increase in share value
 - taking share price from \$8.50 to more than \$20.00
 - ☞ Began restoring common dividend
 - 21% increase in 2005 and 9% increase in 2006
 - ☞ Simplified business strategy, divesting substantially all non-utility operations
 - ☞ Regained regulatory and public trust and increasing customer satisfaction



Vertically Integrated Kansas Utility



■ Key Operational Facts:

- ☞ ~ 659,000 customers
- ☞ Nearly 6,000 MW of generation – expected 2006 reserve margin 16%(a)
- ☞ 11,000 sq mile service territory
- ☞ 33,000 miles of T & D
- ☞ 2,100 employees
- ☞ Kansas retail market remains fully regulated

(a) Assumes purchase of Spring Creek in 2006

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Approach to Delivering Shareholder Value

- Offer competitive total returns through
 - ☞ Growth
 - ☞ Dividend yield

- Focus on reducing risk
 - ☞ Business
 - ☞ Regulatory
 - ☞ Financial
 - ☞ Operational

- Offer investors an attractive risk/return prospect



Favorable Risk Profile



Stable Regulation

- All retail customers are in a single state that continues under traditional regulation
 - ☞ Kansas has no plans to deregulate or restructure the utility industry

- All generation assets are in regulated rate base

- Wholesale marketing
 - ☞ Utility generation provides physical backstop
 - ☞ Trading operations are conducted within utility operations



Adequate, Low-Cost Generation

- Advantageous fuel mix
 - ☛ 80% coal (low-sulfur PRB)
 - ☛ 15% nuclear
 - ☛ < 5% oil and gas
 - Most gas capacity can also burn #6 oil providing arbitrage opportunities

- Strong operating performance
 - ☛ 2000-2005 base load coal EFOR of 5.6%
 - ☛ Nuclear performance at Wolf Creek
 - All NRC indicators are “green”
 - 10 year average capacity factor of 91%

- Expected 2006 generating capacity margin of 16%(a)
 - ☛ No immediate need for new base load generation
 - Allows Westar a “wait and see” option with respect to next round of base load investment

(a) Assumes purchase of Spring Creek in 2006



Constructive Regulatory Mechanics

- Retail energy cost adjustment clause (RECA)
- Environmental cost recovery rider (ECRR)
- Transmission delivery charge (TDC)
- Property tax adjustment rider (PTS)



Retail Energy Cost Adjustment (RECA)

- Approved December 2005
 - ☞ Effective February 2006
- Provides protection against volatile fuel and purchased power costs
 - ☞ Commodity markets
 - ☞ Fluctuations in plant performance
 - ☞ Coal delivery risk
- Retail rates based on month-ahead forecast
 - ☞ Difference between month-ahead forecast and actual is accrued/deferred
 - Monthly approach should yield only small differences
 - Annual settlement of accrued/deferred balance
- Fuel clause also used to rebate “asset-based” wholesale margins as a credit to retail cost of service



Environmental Cost Recovery Rider (ECRR)

- Approved December 2005
 - ☞ Effective June 2006 based on 2005 capital expenditures

- Provides automatic adjustment to retail rates to reflect capital costs for emission controls
 - ☞ Eliminates need to file a rate case to capture rate base additions
 - Return *of* and *on* capital that is already in service
 - Return *on* capital not yet placed in service

- Operation of ECRR will significantly reduce regulatory lag for investments in pollution control equipment



Transmission Cost Recovery (TDC)

- FERC formula transmission rate
 - ☞ Allows annual adjustment to FERC transmission rate to reflect changes in the cost of service
 - ☞ Case filed May 2005
 - Rates effective December 2005, subject to refund
 - In settlement discussions

- Kansas statute permits automatic flow-through of FERC transmission rates into retail cost of service without having to file a retail rate case
 - ☞ KCC approved the Transmission Delivery Charge December 2005
 - ☞ First adjustment will occur in July and be adjusted each July thereafter



Other Helpful Regulatory Mechanics

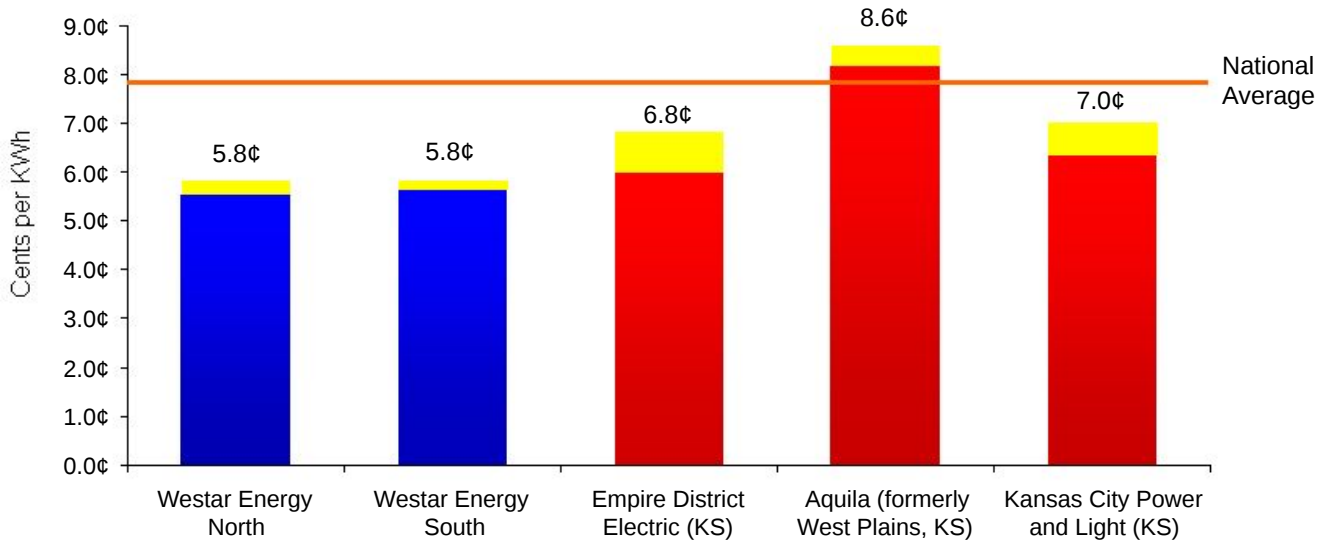
- Kansas statute permits annual recovery of increased property taxes without having to file a retail rate case
 - ☞ Changes are deferred and recovered in subsequent year

- Operating costs of Westar's FERC-jurisdictional co-owned Stateline Plant are recovered through FERC formula rate
 - ☞ Westar has state regulatory approval to defer any over or under recovery between retail rate cases



Low Retail Utility Rates

- Lowest rates in Kansas
- Below the national average of 7.8¢



Yellow bar indicates recent and proposed rate increases

Source: EEI July 1, 2005



Stable, Diverse Economy

- Retail revenue spread across diverse customer base
 - ☞ No dominant industry
 - No single customer makes up more than 2% of revenue
 - ☞ Large customers spread among commercial, industrial, military and educational load
- Kansas has a history of being insulated from both booms and busts
- Diverse wholesale revenues
 - ☞ FERC-regulated, tariff-based sales to other utilities under long-term contracts
 - ☞ Market-based (asset-based) sales made out of available energy
 - ☞ Energy marketing (non-asset) and energy management service



Avenues For Growth



Opportunities for Growth

- Native retail load growth
- Environmental investment
- Transmission investment
- Investments in new generation
- Growth in energy marketing
- Tax asset utilization
- Rate relief



Native Retail Load Growth

- Predictable residential customer growth of about 1% per year
 - ☞ Consistent trend for more than 10 years
 - ☞ Typically translates into ~2.0-2.5% retail MWh and margin growth
- Presently enjoying above-trend industrial and large commercial growth
 - ☞ Refineries
 - ☞ Recovery in aerospace
 - ☞ Westar has benefited from military's BRAC process
- With fuel clause, margins are now largely insulated from changes in fuel costs
 - ☞ Expect more direct weather correlation



Environmental Investment

- Westar expects to add significant rate base related to pollution controls
 - ☞ Estimated to be as much as \$620 million over 8-year planning horizon
 - ☞ Driven by Clean Air Act
 - ☞ Illustrative projects:
 - Scrubbers and SCRs at LaCygne
 - Scrubbers and low-nox burners at JEC
 - Bag houses and mercury removal equipment

- Operation of Environmental Cost Recovery Rider eliminates cost and delay of traditional rate case to earn a return on these capital investments



Illustrative ECRR Mechanics

Clean Air Investment (1)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Year 1 Investment	\$ 6.0	\$ 5.8	\$ 5.6	\$ 5.5	\$ 5.3
Year 2 Investment		23.0	22.3	21.6	21.0
Year 3 Investment			36.0	34.9	33.9
Year 4 Investment				36.0	34.9
Year 5 Investment					36.0
Total Environmental Investment - net	\$ 6.0	\$ 28.8	\$ 64.0	\$ 98.0	\$ 131.1

ECRR Revenues (14%) (2)

	\$ 0.8	\$ 4.0	\$ 9.0	\$ 13.7	\$ 18.4
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Cumulative ECRR Revenues

	\$ 0.8	\$ 4.9	\$ 13.8	\$ 27.6	\$ 45.9
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- Regulatory lag limited to 5 –17 months
- Investment made on equipment not in-service at year end is not allowed depreciation recovery until the following year

Note 1 – Represent 11% return and 3% depreciation recovery

Note 2 - Illustration reflects only the projects publicly announced



Transmission Growth

- Member of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP)
 - ☞ Now an approved FERC RTO

- SPP coordinates regional planning and prioritizes transmission capital projects
 - ☞ Westar expects sizable transmission opportunities in its control area

- The combination of a FERC formula rate, coupled with a state-approved, adjustable, Transmission Delivery Charge, allows Westar to benefit from making transmission investments, without having to suffer long regulatory lag
 - ☞ Also provides protection from incoming “cost allocations” from SPP



Investment in New Generation

- Near-term needs are limited to peaking capacity
 - ☞ Acquisition of Spring Creek, subject to FERC and other conditions
 - Favorable acquisition cost of \$177/kW
 - Existing capacity contract should serve to defray carrying cost until investment can be reflected in next rate case
 - ☞ Additional investment in peaking generation to begin in 2007
- No new base load needs until mid next decade
 - ☞ Expenditures likely to begin ~2010
- Modest opportunity to uprate Wolf Creek
 - ☞ ~18 MW, planned for 2008
- Presently a full rate case is required to adjust retail rates for generation capital additions (other than pollution control investments)



Growth in Energy Marketing

- Westar has a proven track record in energy marketing (non-asset) business
 - ☞ In addition to matching buyers and sellers, Westar provides energy marketing services for others (typically small utilities & cities)
- Margins remain “below the line” for ratemaking purposes
- Demonstrated an ability to produce value with low risk
 - ☞ Expected \$0.02 to \$0.04 per share contribution over near-term planning horizon



Other Opportunities for Value

- Previous divestitures of non-utility investments have produced sizeable capital losses
 - ☞ Business plans may present opportunity to realize some of this value
 - Up to \$0.10 per share in 2006
 - Opportunity expires 2009

- Present plans show need for rate increase as early as 2007/2008



Financial Profile



Preliminary 2005 Results

- Westar expects to announce 2005 results at “upper end” of \$1.50-\$1.60 ongoing earnings guidance

- Notwithstanding much higher fuel cost, the need to conserve coal, and no fuel clause in 2005, management demonstrated an ability to meet guidance in other ways
 - ☞ Refinancing
 - ☞ Energy marketing
 - ☞ Lease renegotiation



Guidance & Growth Expectations

- Announced guidance for 2006 of \$1.55-\$1.65 per share
 - ☞ Plan to report only GAAP EPS
 - With restructuring complete, plan to discontinue using non-GAAP “ongoing earnings” measure

- Announced guidance for 2007 of \$1.65-\$1.75 per share
 - ☞ Reflects ~ 6% growth over 2006 guidance

- Guidance is subject to the risks and qualifiers outlined by management in Appendix 1



Longer-Term Growth Expectations

■ Driven by:

☞ Intrinsic retail growth

- ~2.0-2.5% MWh and margin growth

☞ Energy marketing (non-asset) activities

☞ Rate base additions

- On average, Westar estimates ~ 3–3.5% annual rate base additions in the 2007-2010 horizon

☞ Other

■ Deliver competitive total shareholder returns

☞ Increase EPS by 3.5-5.0%

☞ Competitive yield based on 60-75% dividend payout



Dividend History

- As part of restructuring plan, Westar reduced dividend from \$1.20 to \$0.76 per share in 2003

- In 2004 announced plans to begin restoring dividend
 - ☞ November 2004 announced 21% increase to \$0.92 per share
 - ☞ Announced long-term payout target of 60%-75% of earnings

- February 2006 announced 8.7% further increase to indicated annual rate of \$1.00 per share
 - ☞ Dividend reflects 61%-65% of announced 2006 guidance



Dividend Guidance

- Continue to believe that 60%-75% long-term payout target is appropriate
 - ☞ Balance investors' need for current yield with opportunities for rate base growth

- Continue to believe that the rate of dividend growth may exceed rate of earnings growth to allow Westar to reach and maintain its long-term target payout ratio



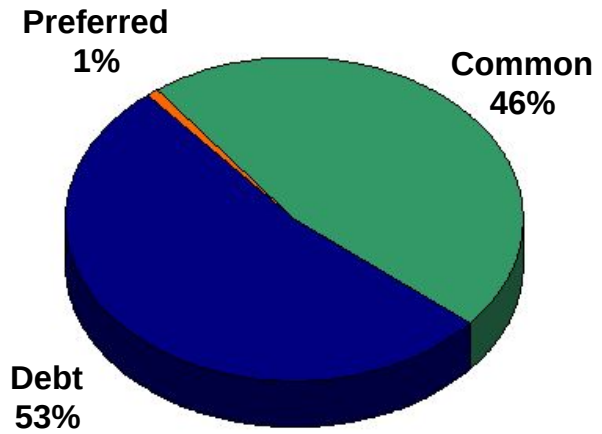
Financial Strength



Current Capitalization

September 30, 2005
(millions)

Debt	\$1,663
Preferred	21
Common	<u>1,465</u>
Total Capitalization	\$3,149

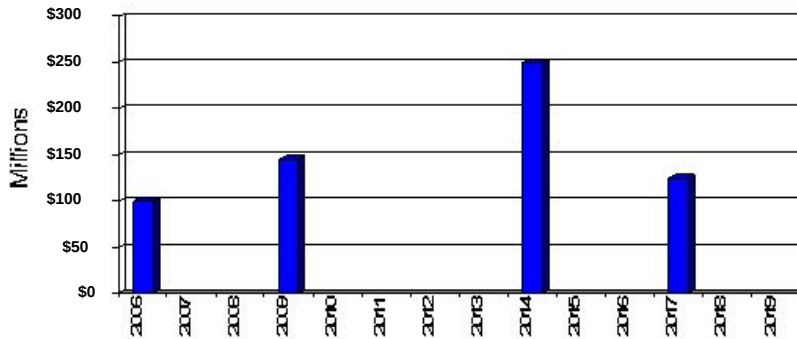


Long-term capitalization target ~ 50%/50% ratio



Aggressive Liability Management

- \$1.7 billion of long-term debt at year end 2005
 - ☞ Floating rate debt of ~13%, mostly in tax-exempts
- Refinanced \$1.3 billion of debt since June 2004
 - ☞ Reduced the weighted average cost of debt from 7.3% to about 5.5%
- Active management of maturity profile
 - ☞ Current weighted average term of 17 years vs. 11 years at yearend 2003





Credit Strength Belies Current Ratings

- Westar's unsecured debt still rated below investment grade (BB-/Ba1/BB+)
- Notwithstanding, Westar debt trades at investment grade levels
- 2005 credit stats support investment grade trading levels

<u>EBITDA/Interest</u>	<u>Debt/Capital</u>
3.1x	53.6%

- Leaves Westar well positioned to finance upcoming rate base growth
 - ☛ Clean air investments
 - ☛ New generation investments
 - ☛ Transmission investment



Summary & Conclusions



Investment Highlights

- Pure utility / traditional regulation
- Diverse customer mix / below average utility rates
- Reliable, low-cost generating assets
- Stable environment
- Attractive dividend policy
- Good growth opportunities



Proven, Capable Management Team

- Demonstrated ability to complete successful strategic transformation
- Demonstrated ability to deal with adversity
- Thoughtful, responsible plan for customers' and investors' future demands
- Demonstrated ability to meet commitments



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Appendix 1

February 23, Press Release & Related
Material



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**WESTAR ENERGY INCREASES DIVIDEND,
PROVIDES EARNINGS GUIDANCE**

Annual indicated dividend is now \$1.00 per share.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 23, 2006 — The Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) Board of Directors on Feb. 22 declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the company's common stock payable to shareholders on April 3, 2006. The new indicated annual dividend rate is \$1.00 per share, or 8.7 percent higher than the company's previous indicated annual dividend rate.

"Over the past three years, we have made remarkable progress in strengthening our company financially and have returned to operating as a basic electric utility," said James Haines, president and chief executive officer. "We continue to reflect this progress in our dividend while still investing in the utility business to maintain reliable service for our customers. While we are pleased to announce this increase, we remain aware of the fact that even with this increase our dividend will be well below levels of the past."

The company affirmed that its long-term target dividend payout ratio is approximately 60 percent to 75 percent of earnings. With this dividend increase, it expects to be at the low end of this range for 2006.

The board also declared regular quarterly dividends on the company's 4.25 percent, 4.5 percent and 5 percent series preferred stocks payable April 1, 2006.

The dividends are payable to shareholders of record as of March 9, 2006.

Westar Energy increases dividend; announces ongoing earnings guidance

Earnings Guidance

Westar Energy also announced that it expects 2006 earnings per share of \$1.55 to \$1.65 and 2007 earnings per share of \$1.65 to \$1.75.

The attachment to this release outlines the key drivers and adjustments used in arriving at the guidance.

Conference Call

Westar Energy's plans a conference call with the investment community to discuss 2006 earnings guidance at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on Feb. 23, 2006. Haines will host the call. Investors, media and the public may listen to the conference call by dialing 866-362-4820, code 33998035. Listeners may access a live webcast of the conference call via the company's Web site, www.WestarEnergy.com. A replay of the conference call will be available from about 6:30 p.m. Eastern Feb. 23 through March 3 at 888-286-8010, Replay ID No. 25529739. The replay also will be available on the Westar Energy web site. Members of the news media may direct follow-up questions to Karla Olsen.

Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE: WR) is the largest electric utility in Kansas, providing electric service to about 659,000 customers in the state. Westar Energy has nearly 6,000 megawatts of electric generation capacity and operates and coordinates approximately 33,000 miles of electric distribution and transmission lines.

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Westar Energy, Inc.
2006 Earnings Guidance

2005 Ongoing EPS guidance (a)	<u>\$ 1.55 - \$1.60</u>
2006 Earnings Drivers and Adjustments:	
Weather	\$ (0.07 - 0.10)
Sales growth	0.07 - 0.12
Discontinuation of retail rebates	0.06
Rate change/fuel recovery	0.38 - 0.43
Energy marketing (non-asset)	(0.07 - 0.10)
Market-based wholesale (asset)	(0.08 - 0.14)
Pension & medical	(0.05 - 0.07)
O&M / SG&A	(0.04 - 0.08)
Depreciation	(0.18 - 0.21)
Ice storm amortization	(0.07)
Interest savings	0.09 - 0.11
LaCygne lease	0.04
Corporate-owned life insurance	0.04 - 0.06
Interest / miscellaneous income	(0.04 - 0.06)
Investigation / litigation expense	0.02 - 0.07
Write-off power plant system development costs	0.02
Rate order adjustments	(0.05)
Discontinued operations, net of tax	(0.01)
Tax loss utilization	0.00 - 0.10
Other, net	(0.06 - 0.07)
2006 GAAP EPS guidance	<u>\$ 1.55 - \$1.65</u>
(in millions unless otherwise noted)	
Average shares outstanding	87.4
Depreciation & amortization	\$ 199 - \$201
Additional generation investment	\$ 57
Pollution control investment	30
All other capital additions	223
Total capital expenditures (excludes cost of removal)	\$ 310
Pension contribution	\$ 21
Effective tax rate	28% - 31%

The effects of the listed earnings drivers and adjustments are not necessarily independent of one another, and the combination of effects can cause individual impacts smaller or larger than the ranges indicated.

- (a) "Ongoing earnings" is a non-GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) financial measure that differs from GAAP earnings because it excludes the effect of special items. During 2004 and 2005, Westar Energy was in the process of restructuring its business. Accordingly, management believed that providing ongoing earnings in addition to GAAP earnings provided investors with a useful indicator of results comparable between periods because it excluded the effects of special items that may not recur or may occur on an irregular or unpredictable basis. Management believes it is no longer necessary to supplement its earnings release using a non-GAAP measure.



Appendix 2

Rate Case Recap



Kansas Retail Rate Case

- Requested \$84 million rate increase – May 2005
- KCC ordered net \$3 million rate increase – December 2005
 - ☞ \$38 million base rate increase
 - ☞ \$35 million credit to retail customer through fuel clause related to wholesale margins from rate-based generation
- KCC order included constructive measures
 - ☞ Retail energy cost adjustment (RECA)
 - ☞ Environmental cost recovery rider (ECRR)
 - ☞ Transmission delivery charge (TDC)
 - ☞ Property tax adjustment rider (PTS)



Key Calculations in Retail Case

- KCC jurisdictional rate base of \$2.2 billion
 - ☞ Excludes \$320 million FERC jurisdictional rate base

- Allowed rate of return – summarized

	% of <u>Capital</u>		Component <u>Cost</u>		<u>WACC</u>
Common equity	44.59%	x	10.00%	=	4.46%
Post 1970 ITC	2.31%	x	7.89%	=	0.18%
Preferred Stock	0.69%	x	4.55%	=	0.03%
Long Term Debt	52.41%	x	6.14%	=	<u>3.22%</u>
Weighted cost of capital					7.89%



Treatment of Market-Based Wholesale Margins

- KCC requires that Westar credit to customers an amount equal to the prior three year average of such margins
 - ✦ Rejected Westar's request for incentive-based sharing
- Required margin sharing for 2006 is about \$35 million
 - ✦ Had rates been in effect for a full year, the required credit would have been \$41 million
- Three year average, and corresponding required credit, will be adjusted annually
 - ✦ If Westar falls short of the average margin, it will serve to reduce earnings
 - ✦ If margins exceed the three year average, Westar will produce current income, even though the higher margins will "raise the bar" for the ensuing three-year period
- Energy Marketing (i.e., non-asset) margins continue to be accounted for below the line



Appendix 3

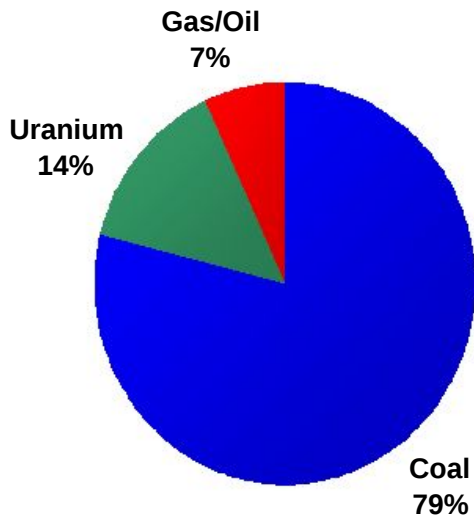
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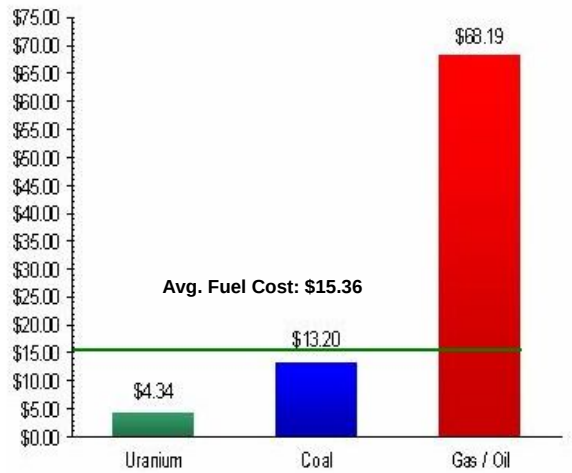
Competitive Low-Cost Generation Portfolio

2005

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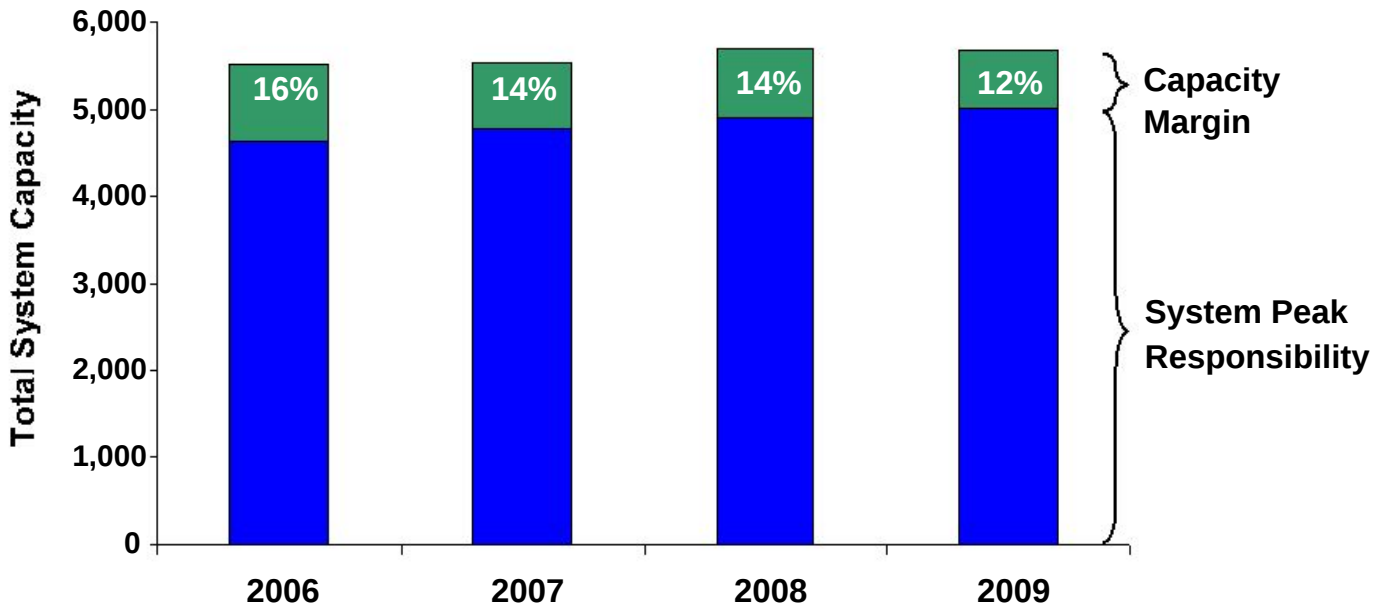


**Fuel Cost by Source
\$/MWh**





Load and Capability Forecast



Assumes purchase of Spring Creek in 2006

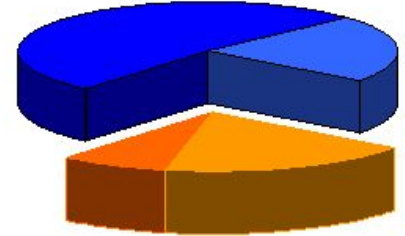


Coal Supply

Westar-operated plant supply (80%)

- 75% under contract through 2020 (10+ MM tons/yr)
 - ☛ 70% has no market openers
 - ☛ 30% reopened on price every 5 years
 - Next reopening in 2008
 - ☛ All volumes have cost escalators

- 25% under contract until 2007 – 2009 (3.5 MM tons/yr)
 - ☛ 100% at fixed price or capped through 2007
 - ☛ 70% at fixed price or capped through 2009



Co-owned plant supply managed by GXP (20%)

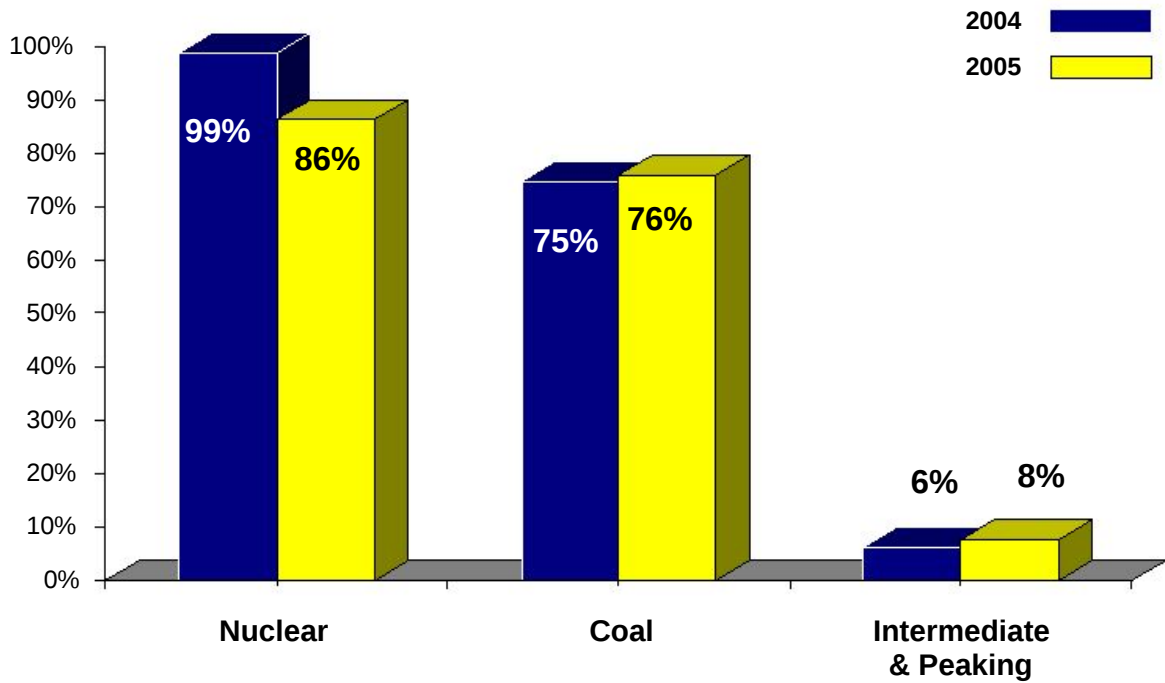
- Fixed price volumes under contract

<u>'05</u>	<u>'06</u>	<u>'07</u>	<u>'08</u>
100%	100%	82%	25%



Generating Plant Performance

Capacity Factors



2005 nuclear performance reflects a refuel outage