

Dear Kansas Corporation Commission,

As a Westar Energy customer, I appreciate the reliability of the electric grid and support investments in infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. Nevertheless, the utility's current proposed rate increase (docket 18-WSEE-328-RTS) and demand charge in the residential service fee are regressive and out of date. Westar customers have experienced several rate increases in recent years, and it's time to examine the current rate structure and consider new energy efficiency options.

*Sample statements:*

- I'm a homeowner who values the freedom to save on my electric bill through solar installation and energy-efficient upgrades in my home. The demand charge and fixed rate increase discourage energy conservation and alternative energy use.
- As a solar customer, the demand charges limit my electricity plan options to more expensive and less efficient alternatives, no matter the amount of energy my solar panels produce.
- I plan to purchasing solar panels to save on my electric bill and to have a positive impact on the environment. The Westar rate increase would reduce or even eliminate any savings from installing solar panels.
- For families on tight budgets, the fixed rate increase reduces their ability to control energy bills by using less electricity.
- I'm with the lawmakers and organizations who are requesting a third-party rate study. It's only fair to assess the actual cost to all customers before increasing rates.
- I support the advancement of clean energy. At this critical time for our planet, we need more clean energy options rather than fewer. We must encourage development of alternative energy sources like small solar and wind and energy-efficiency options for all customers.

Thanks for your consideration. Westar Energy customers appreciate being included in this important decision-making process.

Name

Address

Email

Phone