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November 1, 2017

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

We have previously sent to you proxy materials for the important Special Meeting of Shareholders of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, to be held on November 21, 2017. Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that shareholders vote FOR our proposed transaction with Westar Energy.

Since approval of the merger requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Great Plains Energy, **your vote is important**, no matter how many or how few shares you may own. If you have not already done so, please vote TODAY by telephone, *via* the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.

Very truly yours,

JJZ **Terry Bassham**

Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

REMEMBER: You can vote your shares by telephone, or *via* the Internet. Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

> INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED, TOLL-FREE at 1-877-687-1875.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

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Investors can obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed by Monarch Energy, Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy with the SEC at http://www.sec.gov, the SEC's website. These documents filed by Great Plains Energy and Monarch Energy are also available free of charge from Great Plains Energy's website (http://www.greatplainsenergy.com) under the tab, "Investor Relations" and then under the heading "SEC Filings," or by contacting Great Plains Energy's urbasite (http://www.westarenergy.com) under the tab "Investors" and then under the heading "SEC Filings," or by contacting Great Plains Energy's website (http://www.westarenergy.com) under the tab "Investors" and then under the heading "SEC Filings," or by contacting Kestar Energy's website (http://www.westarenergy.com) under the tab "Investors" and then under the heading "SEC Filings," or by contacting Westar Energy's Investor Relations Department at 785-575-8227.

Participants in Proxy Solicitation

Great Plains Energy, Westar Energy and their respective directors and certain of their executive officers and employees may be deemed, under SEC rules, to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Great Plains Energy's and Westar Energy's shareholders with respect to the proposed merger. Information regarding the officers and directors of Great Plains Energy is included in its definitive proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting filed with the SEC on March 23, 2017. Information regarding the officers and directors of Westar Energy is included in its definitive proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting filed with the SEC on September 14, 2017. Additional information regarding the identity of potential participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by securities, holdings or otherwise, is set forth in the Registration Statement and definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other materials filed with SEC in connection with the proposed merger. Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described in the paragraphs above.