

KMU Dispatch

MAY 29, 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 27-28, 2018

KMU DG Toolkit Workshop

McPherson, Kansas

JUNE 27-28, 2018

Utility Equipment Expo

McPherson, Kansas

JULY 25-27, 2018

2018 Substation Workshop

Coffeyville, Kansas

AUGUST 15, 2018

**Utility Locating & Marking
Workshop**

McPherson, Kansas

AUGUST 29-31, 2018

**Electric Underground
Distribution Workshop**

McPherson, Kansas

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

**Water Distribution /
Wastewater Collection
Workshop**

McPherson, Kansas

SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2018

**Electric Overhead Distribution
Workshop**

McPherson, Kansas

Merger of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy Receives Final Approval, Forming Evergy

The merger of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy received final regulatory approval from the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) last week. The merger creates a \$15 billion holding company that will be named Evergy, Inc. The principal business of the newly formed company will be operating the companies known today as Westar and KCP&L. The companies anticipate a closing date in early June, concluding a two-year effort to combine the two energy companies.



The companies selected Evergy, Inc. (Evergy) as the name to represent their combined identity. Evergy is a blend of “ever” and “energy,” capturing the history of its predecessors as reliable, enduring sources of energy for the communities they serve and its vision to continue far into the future. For the immediate future, the company will continue to serve its customers under the familiar Westar and KCP&L brand names. Contact information, billing and account information, program enrollment and outage reporting will remain the same for customers of KCP&L and Westar.

The combined company will serve approximately 1.6 million customers, with a little under 1,000,000 in Kansas and 600,000 in Missouri. In addition, the combined company will own, operate and maintain more than 51,000 miles of distribution lines and 13,000 megawatts of generation.

Newly formed Evergy initially will serve customers under familiar Westar, KCP&L brands.

With corporate headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., and operational headquarters in both Kansas City, Mo., and Topeka, Kan., Evergy will be the parent of Westar Energy and of KCP&L and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, which were previously part of Great Plains Energy. Together, the company will employ about 5,000 employees across Kansas and Missouri. Company executives will be located in Topeka, Wichita, and Kansas City, and will continue to be engaged in these communities and throughout the combined service territory. ■



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UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

OCTOBER 15-19, 2018

Mobile Crane Operator Certification

Russell, Kansas

OCTOBER 24, 2018

Customer Relations & Utility Finance Conference

McPherson, Kansas

NOVEMBER 29-30, 2018

Cross Connection Control Program Admin. Workshop

McPherson, Kansas

DECEMBER 4-7, 2018

Transformer Connections Workshop

McPherson, Kansas

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Kansas Drought Monitor Update

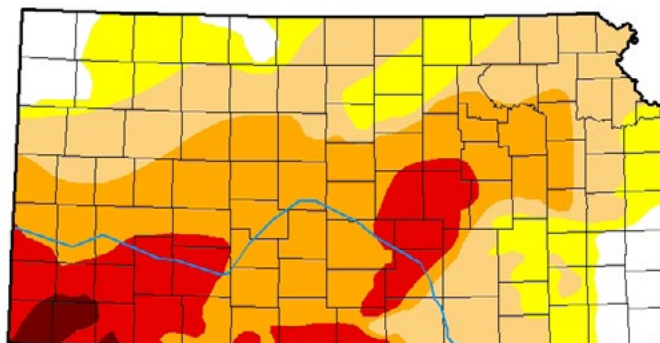
U.S. Drought Monitor

Kansas

May 22, 2018

(Released Thursday, May. 24, 2018)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

KMU Distributed Generation (DG) Toolkit Workshop

For more information about the workshop or to register online, please [click here](#). Registration is limited, but KMU plans to offer additional workshops to distribute and explain the toolkit should there be sufficient interest. Please contact Colin Hansen at chansen@kmunet.org with any questions or for more details. ■



KMU DISTRIBUTED GENERATION (DG) TOOLKIT

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