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INVESTOR PRESENTATION FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS 2 Statements made in this communication that are not based on historical facts are forward-looking, may involve risks and uncertainties, and are intended to be as of the date when made. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to Great Plains Energy Incorporated's ("Great Plains Energy") proposed acquisition of Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar"), shareholder and regulatory approvals, the completion of the proposed transactions, benefits of the proposed transactions, and anticipated future financial measures and operating performance and results, including estimates for growth and other matters affecting future operations. 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including, but not limited to, increased costs of retirement, health care and other benefits; and other risks and uncertainties. This list of factors is not all-inclusive because it is not possible to predict all factors. Additional risks and uncertainties will be discussed in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other materials that Great Plains Energy will file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transactions. Other risk factors are detailed from time to time in Great Plains Energy's and KCP&L's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement. Great Plains Energy and KCP&L undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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ACQUISITION enhances growth prospects and provides greater earnings stability INVESTOR PRESENTATION 4  
Strong geographic fit facilitates significant operating and cost efficiencies Positioned to grow EPS faster, with more  
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Combination of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy creates a leading Midwest utility better positioned to serve customers, meet the region's energy needs, optimize investments and achieve improved and more stable, long-term financial returns

**COMPELLING STRATEGIC AND GEOGRAPHIC FIT** Great Plains Power Plants Transmission Lines: Projects Operating Electric Territory Headquarters Westar Power Plants Electric Territory Headquarters Shared Power Plants **COMBINED SERVICE TERRITORY**<sup>1</sup> **FUTURE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS KEY OPERATING METRICS** Source: SNL, Great Plains Energy and Westar Investor Presentations. Excludes Great Plains' power plant in the Mississippi Delta and Westar's Spring Creek Energy Center in Logan County, OK. Excludes 920MW of purchased power. Great Plains Energy Westar Combined Rate Base (\$mm) \$6,600 \$7,100 \$13,700 Electric Customers 850,800 702,000 1,552,800 Generation Capacity (MW) 6,446 6,267<sup>2</sup> 12,713 Transmission Miles 3,600 6,300 9,900 Distribution Miles 22,500 28,800 51,300 Great Plains Energy: Downtown, Kansas City, Missouri Kansas Operations: Downtown, Topeka, Kansas **INVESTOR PRESENTATION 5**

Contiguous service territories and complementary customer mix Existing partnerships and shared ownership of generation assets Increased access to attractive rate-based growth opportunities **STRONG GEOGRAPHIC FIT AND COMPLEMENTARY OPERATIONS** Better positioned to efficiently transition generation mix from coal to natural gas and renewables Ability to invest aggressively in transmission assets Increased flexibility to mitigate impacts from carbon regulation More than 45% of retail customer demand to be met with emission-free energy **PROVIDES ROBUST PLATFORM TO PURSUE NEW SUSTAINABLE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES** Combines best practices to increase operating efficiency Strong regulatory, community & political relationships Diversifies regulatory jurisdictions and offers increased stability Drives cost savings and benefits for more than 900,000 Kansas customers and 600,000 Missouri customers **ENHANCED OPERATING PLATFORM TO DRIVE VALUE FOR SHAREHOLDERS AND CUSTOMERS INVESTOR PRESENTATION 6 COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE**

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OF THE TRANSACTION Overview Expected Benefits Efficiencies and Cost Savings Significant opportunities for efficiencies Team with strong track record of M&A execution, including efficiencies ~\$65 million of efficiencies projected in year 1 and improving to ~\$200 million in year 3 and beyond EPS Accretion Significantly accretive relative to Great Plains Energy standalone plan ~10% EPS accretion by 2020 Enhanced Growth Profile Stronger platform to pursue attractive organic growth Better positioned to earn allowed returns Higher long-term EPS growth (6-8%) vs. standalone, and dividend growth (5-7%) on a 60-70% payout ratio Robust Balance Sheet Solid, investment grade profile Strong cash flow supports improving credit metrics Investment grade confirmed at S&P and Moody's \$750 million of committed equity financing validates transaction's strategic and financial rationale INVESTOR PRESENTATION 7 Based on midpoint of 6-8% EPS growth target off 2016 EPS guidance range of \$1.65-\$1.80.



**SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EFFICIENCIES FROM COMPLEMENTARY OPERATIONS AND ADJACENT SERVICE TERRITORIES** Combination of Great Plains Energy and Westar Energy provides significant opportunities for increased efficiency, cost savings and investment optimization across the combined company  
**INVESTOR PRESENTATION 8 Estimated Efficiencies of ~\$200 million IN year 3 AND BEYOND** Includes estimated pre-tax customer cost of capital and depreciation impacts.

Significant efficiencies and cost savings Incremental investment opportunities Transmission Renewables Energy efficiency Attractive, efficient financing Significant targeted eps accretion Overview of benefits Great Plains Energy Eps growth target INVESTOR PRESENTATION 9 Potential for ~\$0.15 to ~\$0.25 of EPS accretion by 2020 over standalone plan (with meaningful upside) ~10% accretion based on midpoint of 2016 EPs guidance range of \$1.65 - \$1.80 Standalone EPS Target Pro Forma EPS Target

TRANSACTION FACILITATES TOP TIER SHAREHOLDER RETURNS INVESTOR PRESENTATION 10

Source: IBES median estimates and Bloomberg market data as of 02-Jun-2016. Note: EPS growth of peers calculated as '16-'19 EPS CAGR based on IBES consensus estimates. Where 2019 IBES estimates are not available, '16-'18 CAGR or midpoint of management guidance is used. Great Plains Energy TSR based on the mid-point of current and previous guidance. Dividend yield calculated as latest quarterly dividend annualized divided by current share price. Great Plains Energy VS. EEI INDEX 1st QUARTILE 2nd QUARTILE 3rd QUARTILE 4th QUARTILE FULLY regulated model differentiates Great Plains Energy from many industry peerS

PRO FORMA CREDIT METRICS SUPPORTS INVESTMENT GRADE RATINGS PROJECTED CASH FROM OPERATIONS / TOTAL DEBT INVESTOR PRESENTATION 11 PROJECTED INTEREST COVERAGE RATIO  
Significant combined company free cash flow facilitates improving credit metrics over time Rating agencies confirmed solid investment grade ratings at transaction close<sup>1</sup> GPE senior unsecured debt is currently rated BBB at S&P with a negative outlook and Baa2 at Moody's and under review for possible downgrade. We expect to maintain our investment grade ratings.

Key financial Terms Purchase Price \$60.00 per share Total equity purchase price of \$8.6 billion; enterprise value of \$12.2 billion Consideration 85% Cash (\$7.3 billion) / 15% Stock (\$1.3 billion) \$51.00 per share cash consideration 0.2903 Great Plains Energy shares per Westar Energy share (based on May 27, 2016 close) Collar mechanism that adjusts number shares issued to provide fixed value within a 7.5% trading band for Great Plains Energy stock<sup>1</sup> Financing Details<sup>2</sup> Permanent financing of approximately 50% equity and 50% debt, which is composed of: \$1.3 billion of equity to the seller \$750 million of mandatory convertible preferred equity from OMERS \$2.35 billion of equity comprised of Great Plains Energy common and mandatory convertible to the public market \$4.4 billion of new Great Plains Energy debt Committed to retaining strong investment grade balance sheet Number of shares of Great Plains Energy stock to be based on an Exchange Ratio equal to the quotient obtained by dividing \$9.00 by the 20-day volume-weighted average price of Great Plains stock at closing, subject to a 7.5% collar mechanism such that the minimum number of Great Plains Energy shares issued per Westar Energy share will be 0.2709 and maximum will be 0.3148, based on the May 26, 2016 closing price of \$30.91. Financing amounts are approximate, based on current expectations. INVESTOR PRESENTATION 12

COMBINATION Expands Geographic and Regulatory Diversification Customer breakdown by jurisdiction based on retail sales generation. KCP&L and GMO are also subject to regulation by The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with respect to transmission, wholesale sales and rates, and other matters. Westar generation excludes 920MW generation under PPA, includes 480MW renewables under development. Standalone Great Plains Energy Standalone Westar Combined Company Geography by Customer1 Rate Base Mix by Jurisdiction2 Capacity Mix (MW)3 INVESTOR PRESENTATION 13

ROADMAP TO CLOSE Kansas has 300 days following filing to rule on transaction. 2016 2017 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2  
Acquisition Announcement Regulatory Filings (U.S. DOJ/FTC, Kansas1, NRC, FERC) Secure Appropriate State  
and Federal Regulatory Approvals File Proxy Statement / Hold Special Shareholder Meetings Public Equity  
(Common/Mandatory) Financings Public Debt Financing Receive Regulatory Approvals Target Close INVESTOR  
PRESENTATION 14

2016 2018 Q1 Q3 Q4 Q1 – Q4 GMO general rate case filing<sup>1</sup> Anticipated KCP&L MO general rate case filing  
Anticipated KCP&L KS abbreviated rate case filing Anticipated Westar abbreviated rate case filing Anticipated  
KCP&L KS, KCP&L MO, GMO and Westar rate case filings Traditional 11-month rate case timeline in Missouri and  
~8 months in Kansas Expect new retail rates to be effective late December 2016. INVESTOR PRESENTATION 15  
RATE CASE TIMELINE TRANSACTION EXPECTED TO MITIGATE RATE INCREASES OVER TIME



Adjacent utility territories provided ease of integration and significant efficiency opportunities Modestly dilutive in 2008 and accretive beginning in 2009 Enhanced earnings growth prospects Lower rate increases for Aquila customers STRATEGIC TRANSACTION ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007 Received shareholder approval on October 10, 2007 Received Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval on October 19, 2007 Successful review and approval by and Kansas Corp. Commission & Missouri PSC on May 15, 2008 and July 1, 2008 (effective July 11, 2008), respectively Transaction completed on July 14, 2008 SUCCESFULLY COMPLETED TRANSACTION FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS Significant savings for Aquila and KCP&L customers Realized Aquila synergies exceeded initial expectations DELIVERED ON FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL PROMISES FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION INVESTOR PRESENTATION 16 Complementary operations, cultures and teams pave the way for history to repeat itself with Westar transaction SUCCESSFUL M&A TRACK RECORD – AQUILA CASE STUDY

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GREAT PLAINS ENERGY MANAGEMENT TEAM TALENT, DEPTH AND PROVEN HISTORY OF EXECUTION INVESTOR PRESENTATION 19 Terry D. Bassham Chief Executive Officer 30 Years Scott H. Heidbrink Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer 30 Years Duane D. Anstaett Vice President Generation 30 Years Kevin T. Noblet Vice President Delivery 19 Years Kevin E. Bryant Senior Vice President Finance and Strategy and Chief Financial Officer 13 Years Lori A. Wright Vice President Corporate Planning, Investor Relations and Treasurer 29 Years Steve P. Busser Vice President Risk Management and Controller 20 Years Heather A. Humphrey Senior Vice President Corporate Services and General Counsel 10 Years Darrin R. Ives Vice President Regulatory Affairs 19 Years Maria R. Jenks Vice President Supply Chain 19 Years Charles A. Caisley Vice President of Marketing and Public Affairs 12 Years Ellen E. Fairchild Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary 24 Years Charles L. King Vice President Information Technology and Chief Information Officer 26 Years

Continue to promote the economic strength of the region, improve the customer experience and grow earnings OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES EXECUTING OUR PLAN FOR CONTINUED GROWTH BEST-IN-CLASS OPERATIONS CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT Disciplined execution to deliver reliable and low cost power Focused on earning our allowed return by actively managing regulatory lag Proactive economic development Responsive to changing customer expectations Technology investments that facilitate more informed customer interaction Expand comprehensive suite of energy-related products and services TARGETED INVESTMENTS Balanced strategic growth initiatives through national transmission opportunities and flexibility for opportunistic growth INVESTOR PRESENTATION 20

PRO FORMA COMBINED COMPANY corporate structure Great Plains Energy Baa2 / BBB Revolver Size: \$200mm Kansas City Power & Light Baa1 / BBB+ Revolver Size: \$600mm KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Baa2 / BBB+ Revolver Size: \$450mm Westar A2 / A1 Revolver Size: \$1,000mm Kansas Gas & Electric A2 / A1 . Westar and KGE ratings shown are senior secured ratings given term debt is all secured. INVESTOR PRESENTATION 21

Overview of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Overview OCM Credit Portfolio LP (“OMERS”), an affiliated entity of Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System has committed to purchase \$750 million of Great Plains Energy Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock at closing of announced Westar Energy acquisition Terms of OMERS investment pursuant to Stock Purchase Agreement dated May 29, 2016 Key Terms OMERS to purchase 750,000 shares of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock with liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share 7.25% dividend rate; optional conversion at an implied price of \$34.38 (20% conversion premium to reference price of \$28.65) Issuance date: concurrent with closing of Westar acquisition (expected spring 2017) Mandatory conversion date: 3 years after issuance Mandatory Conversion Number of Great Plains Energy common shares on conversion based on conversion rate and Great Plains Energy stock price If Great Plains Energy common stock price is at or below the reference price (\$28.65), the mandatory convertible preferred stock will convert into 26.2mm common shares (maximum common shares issuable) If Great Plains Energy common stock price appreciates above the 20% conversion premium (\$34.38), the mandatory convertible preferred stock will convert into 21.8mm common shares (minimum common shares issuable) If Great Plains Energy common stock price is between the reference price and the conversion price, the instrument will convert into a number of common shares equal to \$750 million of value Credit Agency and Accounting Treatment 100% equity credit from Standard and Poor’s and Moody’s Accounted for as preferred equity on balance sheet Impact to income statement based on “if converted” method, using the more dilutive of either: 1) Treatment as preferred stock with (non-tax deductible) preferred dividend reducing net income to common 2) Treatment on an as converted basis with dilutive impact included in weighted average shares INVESTOR PRESENTATION 22

\$750 million investment by OMERS de-risks financing of Westar acquisition Mandatory convertible preferred stock to receive 100% equity treatment from the rating agencies Long-dated capital commitment with terms locked-in at signing of M&A transaction Issuance contingent on closing of the M&A transaction; will fund concurrently with M&A close Reduces amount of equity capital to be raised in public financing markets Accounted for using “if converted” method, based on the more dilutive of either treatment as preferred stock or on an as converted basis Increase of common shares at conversion in 2020 (based on expected issuance in 2017) to be offset by extinguishment of preferred dividend As a result, while there will be additional shares of common stock outstanding following conversion, will not be dilutive to EPS relative to the impact of the instrument while outstanding As part of our total financing for the Westar acquisition, we plan on issuing to the public markets a mix of common stock and additional mandatory convertible preferred stock Mandatory convertible preferred stock will have the same structure as the security issued to OMERS and will have the same accounting and credit agency treatment Pricing terms will be based on market conditions and Great Plains Energy share price at the time of issuance Through the embedded conversion rate formula, a mandatory convertible preferred allows Great Plains Energy to issue fewer shares as our share price increases over the next three years. Overview of Mandatory Convertible Preferred, continued INVESTOR PRESENTATION 23



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