

Headquartered in Topeka, Westar Energy employs nearly 2,400 people in 34 different locations and serves nearly 700,000 customers in much of east and east-central Kansas.

Our energy centers generate more than 7,000 megawatts of electricity, and we operate and coordinate 35,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines. We recently earned distinction as one of the safest companies in the United States by EHS Today.

Since the early days of generation at Westar, we have sought to keep customers' costs low by maintaining flexibility and diversity.

Today, new energy sources provide environmentally friendly, low-cost energy. Along with traditional energy sources like nuclear, coal, oil and gas, we now employ renewable energy sources every day to meet our customers' energy needs. This flexible, diverse approach balances customer costs with available resources and environmental concerns.

Environmental

Environmental upgrades at our coal-fired power plants have reduced sulfur dioxide emissions by more than 84% and nitrogen oxides almost 69% since 2005. Our engineers and environmental experts are using innovative techniques to help us meet those targets for a fraction of the cost. We have installed a one-of-a-kind wetlands system at Jeffrey Energy Center to treat scrubber wastewater.

Combined with a chemical/mechanical process, the natural wetland removes pollutants to required levels, allowing water to flow back to the plant for re-use in the cooling process.



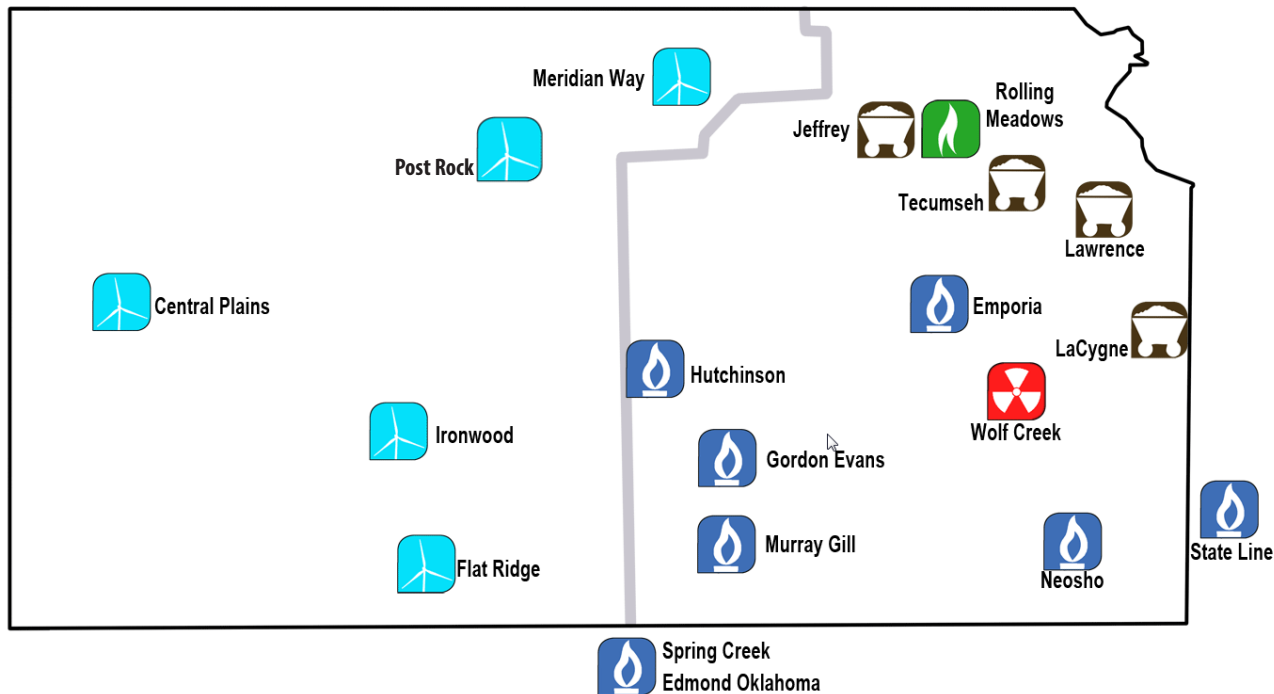
Transmission

We're building and improving our transmission network to improve reliability, security and efficiency, and integrate renewable energy. In 2014, we energized Prairie Wind Transmission's 108-mile, high-voltage transmission line in south-central Kansas. It is the first major transmission line between western and eastern Kansas. The double-circuit line will serve as an electric energy super highway, promoting growth of renewable energy in Kansas, providing greater access to lower-cost electricity and improved reliability in the region.

Renewable Energy

Wind and Solar. We're committed to clean, affordable electricity. Our diverse energy portfolio includes nearly 900 megawatts of wind generation produced at five Kansas wind farms strategically located in central and western Kansas. The new Cedar Bluff and Kay wind farms, which will be in service by the end of 2015 and 2016, will complete Westar's RES requirements. We purchase clean, renewable power from Waste Management, Inc.'s Rolling Meadows landfill near Topeka. And, 15 nonprofits will be soaking up the sun and generating a portion of their own power after being awarded Westar solar project funds in 2014. We also offer customers the option to power their homes with wind or solar self-generating systems through our net metering agreements.

Our Energy Centers



Southwest Power Pool next-day market.

In March 2014, the SPP launched its “day ahead market” or “integrated marketplace” to more effectively and efficiently dispatch generation throughout the SPP region, of which Kansas is a part. The market determines which generating resources are used based on region-wide prices and demand, reducing the overall costs of energy for the entire region.

Investing in the Future.

Part of our mission at Westar is to give something back to the people we serve. Our newest project -- the Kanza Educational and Science Park in Topeka -- is a partnership between Westar and Topeka Public Schools that allows students to broaden their science, engineering, environmental studies, math and technology (STEM) backgrounds. Our Green Team, Westar Energy Foundation, and Westar Energy Community Partners help preserve the state's environment, support nonprofit organizations, and encourage volunteerism. Our Foundation contributes more than \$1 million each year throughout our service territory to civic and charitable organizations dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Kansans.

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