The proposed merger of equals between Westar Energy and Great Plains Energy has taken some steps forward. Under the terms of the agreement, no premium would be paid and no cash would be exchanged with respect to either entity. A holding company would be created in which Westar stockholders receive one share for each of their current shares. The tax-free transaction was suspended due to the pending merger.

BUSINESS: Westar Energy, Inc., formerly Western Resources, is the parent of Kansas Gas & Electric Company, Westar supplies electricity to 700,000 customers mostly in Kansas. Electric revenue sources: residential and rural, 33%; commercial and business, 16%; industrial, 16%; other, 22%. The company sold its investment in Luminant to GXP for $2.5 billion. The company sold its investment in Luminant to GXP for $2.5 billion. The company also plans to submit new wind farm proposals in the coming months. It expects that figure to climb to $45 million by the time the transaction closes in mid-2018. The new company expects to set its initial dividend at a level that maintains the current payout for GXP shareholders. This would mean an increase of 6%-10%. The company also plans to submit new wind farm proposals to KCC regulators in the coming months. Note that we have included this in our earnings presentation. For full-year 2017 and 2018, our share-net projections remain unchanged at $2.45 and $2.60, respectively.