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Final Term Sheet

Westar Energy, Inc. Issuer: Issue of Securities: First Mortgage Bonds, 4.125% Series due 2042 Legal Format: SEC Registered Ratings*: Moody s: A3 (stable); S&P: BBB+ (stable); Fitch: A- (stable) Principal Amount: \$250,000,000 Trade Date: February 27, 2012 Settlement Date: March 1, 2012 (T+3) **Interest Payment Dates:** Semi-annually on March 1 and September 1, beginning on September 1, 2012. Maturity Date: March 1, 2042 Benchmark Treasury: 3.125% due November 15, 2041 Benchmark Treasury Price/Yield: 101-27/3.03% Spread to Benchmark Treasury: +110 basis points Yield to Maturity: 4.130% 4.125% Coupon: 99.914% Public Offering Price:

Optional Redemption: Prior to September 1, 2041, at any time at a discount rate of Treasury plus 20

basis points.

On or after September 1, 2041, at any time at par.

Issuance of Additional Bonds: As of December 31, 2011, approximately \$752 million principal amount of

additional First Mortgage Bonds could be issued under the most restrictive provisions of the company s mortgage, taking into account the issuance of

\$250,000,000 of First Mortgage Bonds offered hereby.

Gross Spread: 0.875%

Net Proceeds (before expenses): Approximately \$247,597,500 after deducting the underwriters discounts.

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Joint Book-Running Managers: Barclays Capital Inc.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Co-Managers: UBS Securities LLC

BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC

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Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc.

U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

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