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Renewable Energy Plans From Westar Up for Approval

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Utility regulators are weighing four renewable energy proposals from Westar Energy.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that one of the proposed changes would lower the price of an optional renewable energy tariff. About 43 customers currently pay \$1 on top of the regular rate for 100 kilowatt hours of renewable energy. But Greg Greenwood, senior vice president of strategy for Westar, said that will fall to about 25 cents if approved, to better reflect the actual cost of producing it.

Two other proposals would allow customers to buy units of energy or shares with solar farms. The fourth proposal would allow large electricity users to buy a share of wind power.

The Kansas Corporation Commission has jurisdiction over rates and special programs offered by electric utilities in Kansas.

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