

KCC approves Westar rate cut

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas utility regulators have approved a settlement agreement that will cut electric rates for most Westar Energy customers.**

**The settlement agreement approved Thursday by the Kansas Corporation Commission would lower monthly bills for residential customers by about \$3.80 a month.**

**The Lawrence Journal-World reports the rate decrease will not apply to most people who have installed solar panels or other self-generating devices. Those customers will be charged additional fees that Westar says are necessary so those customers pay their fair share of maintaining the power grid.**

**Westar spokeswoman Gina Penzig said those customers could still potentially see about a 30 percent decrease when they install solar, meaning they still have potential for savings under these new rates.**

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