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**KTA, Governor and partners announce new “fast charging”  
electric vehicle stations at three service areas**

WICHITA, Kan.— The Kansas Turnpike Authority in partnership with Westar Energy and KCP&L have come together to announce new electric vehicle charging stations along the Kansas Turnpike. The “Fast Charging” technology, strategically located along the Turnpike, will allow Kansans and visitors to travel throughout the state while helping to eliminate “range anxiety” or the fear an electric car battery will run out of power before the destination.

“Electric vehicle charging stations are something we’ve been asked about by customers,” said Steve Hewitt, KTA’s Chief Executive Officer. “We’re excited to make this request a reality for our electric vehicle customers.”

Located at the Towanda (MM 65 I-35/KTA), Topeka (MM 188 I-70/KTA) and Lawrence (MM 209 I-70/KTA) service areas, each location will include two DC Fast charging stations and one Level 2 station. Typically, a DC Fast charging station can fully charge most electric vehicles in under 30 minutes.

“Charging stations along the Kansas Turnpike let electric vehicle drivers know Kansas welcomes and appreciates them,” said Terry Bassham, president and CEO, for Westar Energy and KCP&L. “Westar and KCP&L are glad to partner with KTA to make charging in the region more prevalent and convenient for EV drivers.”

The new stations join Westar and KCP&L’s already established network of EV charging stations, which currently includes more than 2,200 charging ports, making for one of the largest electric vehicle charging station networks in the country. Manufactured by ChargePoint,

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the stations also allow drivers to tap into ChargePoint's nationwide network of charging stations.

The electric vehicle charging stations are open and ready to be used by travelers using electric vehicles at the three service areas.

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*Editor's Note: An event officially opening the charging stations will take place July 17 at the Topeka Service Area at 10 am. Governor Laura Kelly will attend with other special guests.*

**About KTA:**

For more than 60 years, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) maintains 236 miles of user-fee supported roadway from the Oklahoma border to Kansas City. KTA doesn't receive state or federal tax funds. Instead, toll revenue pays for preservation and modernization of the Turnpike system. With the [current long-term plan](#), KTA has outlined 44 projects to enhance safety and the customer experience over the next decade. KTA's mission is to move Kansas forward by operating a safe, reliable and customer-valued turnpike system in a fiscally responsible, businesslike manner.

**About KCP&L and Westar Energy:**

Serving approximately 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company and Westar Energy are the electric utilities of Evergy, Inc. (NYSE: EVRG). Together we generate nearly half the power we provide to homes and businesses with emission-free sources. We support our local communities where we live and work, and strive to meet the needs of customers through energy savings and innovative solutions.

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