



## Financial Information

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### Western Resources Announces First-Quarter Earnings and Declares Dividend

TOPEKA, Kan.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 22, 2002--Western Resources (NYSE:WR) today announced first-quarter 2002 financial results.

#### Westar Energy

Westar Energy contributed earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of \$57 million in the first quarter of 2002, excluding severance, compared to budgeted first-quarter EBIT of \$51 million. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for Westar Energy totaled \$105 million in the first quarter of 2002, excluding severance, compared to budgeted first-quarter EBITDA of \$101 million. Westar Energy's megawatt hour (MWh) sales in the first quarter of 2002 totaled 7.9 million MWh, an increase of 30 percent over budgeted first-quarter sales of 6.5 million MWh, and an increase of 22 percent over first-quarter 2001 sales of 6.5 million MWh.

"We are extremely pleased with the first-quarter performance of our utility operations," stated Doug Sterbenz, Senior Vice President, Generation and Marketing. "Results were above budget despite lower retail demand due to the warm winter, lower prices in the wholesale electricity markets and the extensive efforts directed to recovery from the severe winter ice storm. I commend our employees for their hard work and dedication."

#### Consolidated Results

Western Resources reported consolidated operating income of \$0.36 per share in the first quarter of 2002, compared to \$0.06 per share in the first quarter of 2001. Operating income excludes one-time charges for severance and an impairment related to the adoption of new accounting standards for goodwill and other intangible assets.

Western Resources reported a consolidated net loss of \$9.14 per share in the first quarter of 2002, compared to net earnings of \$0.06 per share in 2001. As previously announced, the first-quarter 2002 results include a non-

cash net charge of \$657 million, or \$9.20 per share, related to the adoption of new accounting standards for goodwill and other intangible assets, of which \$466 million is related to the impairment of Protection One and Protection One Europe goodwill and \$191 million is related to the impairment of Protection One customer accounts.

Western Resources expects to have earnings from operations of \$1.27 per share for the 2002 fiscal year, excluding one-time items, consistent with projected 2002 EBIT and EBITDA of \$325 million and \$525 million, respectively, for Westar Energy and projected 2002 cash flow of \$49 million for Westar Industries. Although earnings exceeded budget for the first quarter of 2002, the forecast 2002 fiscal year earnings have not been changed because our full-year results are dependent upon normal summer weather.

#### Westar Industries

Westar Industries reported operating earnings of \$0.29 per share, before the previously mentioned impairment charge of \$9.20 per share in the first quarter of 2002, compared to a loss of \$0.17 per share in the first quarter of 2001.

#### Monitored Services

Monitored services reported a loss of \$0.05 per Western Resources share in 2002, compared to a loss of \$0.36 per share in 2001, reflecting significantly lower amortization of customer accounts and goodwill in 2002. First-quarter 2002 results include \$0.06 from a gain on the repurchase of Protection One debt, compared to a gain of \$0.03 in the first quarter of 2001.

Westar Industries owns approximately 86.1 million shares of Protection One common stock, representing 80.4 percent ownership on a fully diluted basis. Protection One may from time to time repurchase shares of its common stock in the open market or privately negotiated transactions. In this event, Westar Industries will sell shares to Protection One to maintain its proportionate ownership interest in Protection One.

#### ONEOK

The investment in ONEOK contributed \$0.16 per share to first-quarter 2002 earnings, compared to \$0.15 per share in the prior year. On April 8, 2002, Westar Industries filed an amendment to its Schedule 13D related to its investment in ONEOK reporting that Westar Industries is engaged in an active review of alternatives for changing its investment in ONEOK. Based on the results of such review, Westar Industries' contractual obligations pertaining to such investment, market and general and economic conditions, regulatory approvals, if any, and other facts Westar Industries' deems relevant, Westar Industries may change its investment in ONEOK through any available means.

### International Generation/Miscellaneous

Other unregulated holdings contributed \$0.18 per share to first-quarter 2002 earnings, compared to \$0.04 per share in the prior year.

### Other

On April 17, 2002, the Western Resources Board of Directors declared a first-quarter 2002 dividend on the company's common stock of \$0.30 per share payable on July 1, 2002. The board also declared regular quarterly dividends on Western Resources' 4.25 percent, 4.5 percent and 5 percent series preferred stocks payable July 1, 2002. The dividends are payable to shareholders of record as of June 7, 2002.

The Western Resources annual meeting of shareholders will be conducted at 10 a.m. June 11, 2002, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 102 North End Avenue, New York, New York. Western Resources expects to mail its proxy statement for the annual meeting around April 29, 2002.

Western Resources (NYSE:WR) is a consumer services company with interests in monitored services and energy. The company has total assets of approximately \$6.6 billion, including security company holdings through ownership of Protection One (NYSE:POI) and Protection One Europe, which have more than 1.2 million security customers. Western Resources provides electric utility services as Westar Energy to about 640,000 customers in Kansas. Through its ownership in ONEOK, Inc. (NYSE:OKE), a Tulsa-based natural gas company, Western Resources has a 44.7 percent interest in one of the largest natural gas distribution companies in the nation, serving more than 1.4 million customers.

For more information about Western Resources and its operating companies, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.wr.com>.

**Forward-looking statements:** Certain matters discussed here and elsewhere in this news release are "forward-looking statements." The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 has established that these statements qualify for safe harbors from liability. Forward-looking statements may include words like we "believe," "anticipate," "expect" or words of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements describe our future plans, objectives, expectations or goals. Such statements address future events and conditions concerning capital expenditures, earnings, liquidity and capital resources, litigation, rate and other regulatory matters, possible corporate restructurings, mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, including the proposed separation of Westar Industries, Inc., from our electric utility businesses and the consummation of the acquisition of our electric operations by Public Service Company of New Mexico, compliance with debt covenants, change in accounting requirements and other accounting matters, interest and dividends, Protection One's financial condition and its impact on our consolidated results, environmental matters, changing weather, nuclear operations, ability to enter new markets successfully and capitalize on

growth opportunities in non-regulated businesses, events in foreign markets in which investments have been made and the overall economy of our service area. What happens in each case could vary materially from what we expect because of such things as electric utility deregulation; ongoing municipal, state and federal activities, such as the Wichita municipalization efforts; future economic conditions; legislative and regulatory developments competitive markets; and other circumstances affecting anticipated operations, sales and costs.

FIRST-QUARTER 2002 REPORT  
WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
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1. Sales	\$ 502,241,000	\$ 560,741,000
2. Net Income (Loss)	\$ (652,410,000)	\$ 4,450,000
3. Earnings (Loss) Available for Common Stock	\$ (652,194,000)	\$ 4,168,000
4. Average Common Shares Outstanding	71,368,922 (a)	70,359,298
5. Basic Earnings per Share	\$ (9.14)	\$ 0.06
6. EBITDA	\$ 207,736,000 (b)	\$ 130,961,000
7. Net Utility Plant (after depreciation)	\$3,966,335,000	\$3,950,197,000

(a) Excludes shares held by Westar Industries.

(b) Excludes impairment charge.

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