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4 **House Concurrent Resolution No. 5007**

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6 By Committee on Utilities

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Federal Energy Regu-
11 latory Commission to ~~take action to ensure expansion and improve-~~
12 ~~ment of the electric transmission system to meet the nation's energy~~
13 **needs work to develop sufficient electric transmission facility in-**
14 **frastructure and design and implement regional transmission**
15 **organizations and cost recovery mechanisms.**

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17 WHEREAS, The electric transmission system in the United States is
18 an extensive network of high-voltage power lines which transport elec-
19 tricity from generators to consumers and which must accommodate the
20 nation's growing demand for reliable and affordable power; and

21 WHEREAS, The system is rapidly becoming congested due to growth
22 in demand, investment in new generation facilities and lack of investment
23 in expansion and improvement of transmission facilities; and

24 WHEREAS, Expansion and improvement of the transmission system
25 is vital to the national interest because congestion creates bottlenecks
26 which result in decreased reliability, less competition, higher prices to
27 consumers and increased infrastructure vulnerability; and

28 WHEREAS, ~~Kansas is third~~ **The United States Department of En-**
29 **ergy recognizes that Kansas is first** in the nation in wind energy pro-
30 duction potential and has adopted incentives for investment in wind gen-
31 eration and generation from other resources, but expansion of generation
32 is dependent on a transmission system that will efficiently and reliably
33 deliver power to markets; and

34 WHEREAS, The existing transmission system, ~~while capable of pro-~~
35 ~~viding reliable service to the native load in Kansas for the foreseeable~~
36 ~~future, does not have capacity to import additional power from outside~~
37 ~~the state or export additional power to markets beyond the state's bound-~~
38 ~~aries unless the system is redesigned to do so; and~~

39 ~~—WHEREAS, Because uncertainty in how transmission system expan-~~
40 ~~sion and improvements will be financed and lack of regulatory direction~~
41 ~~hamper investment in transmission facilities, the leadership of the Federal~~
42 ~~Energy Regulatory Commission is crucial to resolution of the problems~~
43 ~~that exist in the transmission system~~ **is increasingly incapable of pro-**

1 **viding reliable service to the native load in Kansas and does not**
2 **have the capacity to support economic development of renewable**
3 **and fossil-fuel resources or to economically dispatch power within**
4 **the state; and**

5 **WHEREAS, The existing transmission system experiences sig-**
6 **nificant constraints to the importation of additional power from**
7 **outside the state and export of additional power to markets beyond**
8 **the state’s boundaries in support of national energy reliability and**
9 **clean air standards; and**

10 **WHEREAS, The leadership of the Federal Energy Regulatory**
11 **Commission is crucial to resolving issues related to cost recovery**
12 **of transmission facility upgrades and regional transmission system**
13 **reliability issues: Now, therefore,**

14 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
15 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature urges the Federal
16 Energy Regulatory Commission to ~~assume an aggressive leadership role~~
17 ~~in development of sufficient transmission infrastructure to support the~~
18 ~~nation’s growing energy needs and to provide expeditiously for the estab-~~
19 ~~lishment of standard market design and implementation of regional trans-~~
20 ~~mission organizations~~ **work with the State of Kansas in development**
21 **of sufficient transmission facility infrastructure to support the**
22 **state’s economic development efforts and the nation’s growing en-**
23 **ergy, security and reliability needs, along with the design and im-**
24 **plementation of regional transmission organizations and cost re-**
25 **covery mechanisms; and**

26 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to pro-
27 vide a copy of this enrolled resolution to each member of the Federal
28 Energy Regulatory Commission, the President of the United States, the
29 Vice-President of the United States, the United States Secretary of En-
30 ergy, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Mi-
31 nority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
32 States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United
33 States House of Representatives, each member of the Kansas Congres-
34 sional delegation, the State Corporation Commission, the Nebraska
35 Power Review Board, the Missouri Public Service Commission, the
36 Oklahoma Corporation Commission and the Public Utility Commission
37 of Texas.

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