

HOUSE BILL No. 2480

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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9 AN ACT concerning electric utilities; relating to electricity generated
10 from renewable resources or technologies.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. As used in this act:

14 (a) "Commission" means the state corporation commission.

15 (b) "Electric public utility" means an electric public utility, as defined
16 in K.S.A. 66-101a, and amendments thereto, which is subject to rate reg-
17 ulation by the commission.

18 (c) "Governmental entity" means the federal government, the state
19 government or any political or taxing subdivision of the state, or any
20 agency thereof.

21 (d) "Renewable resources or technologies" means wind, solar, pho-
22 tovoltaic, biomass, hydropower, geothermal, waste incineration and land-
23 fill gas resources or technologies located in Kansas.

24 Sec. 2. (a) Any electric public utility may seek to recover costs as-
25 sociated with the cost of purchasing or generating electricity from renew-
26 able resources or technologies by filing an application with the commis-
27 sion. The utility shall demonstrate that competitive bids were solicited
28 for the purchase of the electricity or renewable electric generation facility
29 and that the most responsible selection was made, taking into consider-
30 ation factors including, but not limited to, certainty of construction of the
31 facility, power price, certainty of power price over the length of the con-
32 tract and economic benefits to Kansas.

33 (b) Upon a finding that an electric public utility has complied with
34 the requirements of subsection (a), the commission shall allow the utility
35 to recover the utility's costs of purchasing or generating electricity from
36 renewable resources or technologies in an amount not to exceed 15% of
37 the utility's total generation and purchased power requirements.

38 Sec. 3. The state and agencies of the state may budget for increased
39 expenditures for electricity purchased from electric utilities which are not
40 subject to rate regulation by the commission if such increased expendi-
41 tures are associated with the utilities' providing at least 10% of such elec-
42 tricity from generation from renewable resources technologies or renew-
43 able energy credits from Kansas generation facilities.

- 1 Sec. 4. The commission may adopt rules and regulations to imple-
- 2 ment and administer the provisions of this act.
- 3 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 4 publication in the statute book.