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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,500 members, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of H.B. 2225, AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to electric utilities; including cost recovery of transmission-related costs for transmission facilities constructed as a result of a directive from the regional transmission organization.

H.B. 2225, as amended, would amend law authorizing a Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)-regulated utility to recover costs associated with the transmission of electric power through a transmission delivery charge (TDC) and require public utilities to evaluate the regional rate competitiveness and impact to economic development in rate proceedings.

This legislation passed the House of Representatives 120-1 and is a compromise between Evergy, regulators and Kansas industrial ratepayers. The Chamber supports this compromise as it saves every ratepayer money and is fair to Evergy. Therefore, we request that you report H.B., 2225 favorable for passage.

Very truly yours,

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