

Testimony on Senate Bill 93  
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Good morning Mr. Chairman and fellow committee members. My name is Carl Huslig. I am the Vice President of Transmission for Aquila Networks – West Plains Kansas. Aquila appreciates the opportunity to testify before the committee concerning Senate Bill 93.

I would like to begin by stating that this committee, and its counterpart in the House, has successfully promoted and passed legislation in previous sessions to enhance the transmission system in Kansas. The steps taken in recent years regarding transmission prompted the FERC Chairman, Pat Wood, to recently deem Kansas “best-in-class”- the model which other states should follow concerning the advancement of transmission.

SB 93 is a step-back from the progress the state has made to facilitate transmission. Aquila is ardently opposed to Section 1(b) of this bill which restricts our ability to exercise eminent domain rights so we can further deploy our transmission network. Aquila is, however, agreeable to the editorial changes made in Section 1(a).

Aquila is opposed to any legislation that would restrict or prohibit our ability to site or locate transmission facilities. If Kansas is going to regain our status as a net exporter of energy, rather than a net importer of energy and continue to provide safe and low-cost energy to our customers, we must ensure that rights granting to utilities such as eminent domain are not limited or constrained.

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you again.