



*Testimony Provided to the*  
**House Energy and Environment Committee – March 19, 2013**  
*Duke Energy Renewables*

**Amended HB 2241**

Chairman Hedke and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the Amended House Bill 2241 (the "Bill"). Duke Energy Renewables, along with the members of The Wind Coalition, respectfully takes an opposing position on the revised language within the Bill. We have also previously voiced opposition to this language.

Duke Energy Renewables is a leading developer, constructor, and operator of wind farms in North America with a portfolio of more than 1,700 megawatts (MW) in commercial operation, including 300 MW in the state of Kansas that it jointly owns with an affiliate of Sumitomo Corp. of America: the Cimarron II and Ironwood Windpower Projects, located in Gray and Ford Counties, respectively.

We've worked closely with local communities to develop and construct renewable energy projects in the state. We value our good business relationships in these communities and take pride in our safety record. Both the Cimarron II and Ironwood projects utilized Siemens wind turbines, produced in Hutchinson. The two projects have created hundreds of construction jobs and numerous long-term operations and maintenance positions.

Additionally, Duke Energy Renewables has invested significant resources over the past several years developing two future wind projects in Kansas, one in Clark County and the other located in Ness and Pawnee Counties.

Kansas has been an important market for Duke Energy Renewables' development activities, however the changes proposed by Amended House Bill 2241 would greatly dampen, if not extinguish, market prospects for renewable energy development in the state. The current Renewable Portfolio Standard has fueled much of the growth, providing the necessary incentive to invest considerable funds and reducing the risk of such capital-intensive projects. When such support erodes at the state level, it has a negative impact on our willingness to continue to invest in Kansas and drive beneficial economic development.

Duke Energy Renewables and the Wind Coalition urge you to continue to support the current RPS requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Nerzig".

Richard Nerzig  
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