

January 24, 2014

The Honorable Pat Apple, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities
Statehouse, Room 224-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Apple:

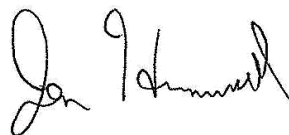
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 279 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 279 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 279 would grant incumbent electric transmission owners the right of first refusal to build a transmission line within their existing certificated territory. The right of first refusal includes modifications or upgrades to existing transmission lines, new transmission lines that have been approved by the southwest power pool (SPP), or a new transmission line that would interconnect with existing lines that are owned by two or more incumbent electric transmission owners. The bill would give an incumbent electric transmission owner 90 days to file an intent to construct to the SPP if the transmission line has been approved by the Kansas power pool and has directed the incumbent transmission owner to construct, own, and maintain the approved transmission line.

Passage of SB 279 would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Tom Day, KCC
Shonda Smith, CURB