

**Testimony before the
Senate Utilities Committee
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Chairman Clark and members of the committee, I am Richard Good, senior manager, disaster recovery and infrastructure security for Westar Energy.

Westar Energy supports Senate Bill 382.

The repeal of the security cost sunset would provide certainty for the recovery of prudent costs associated with providing security to a utility's generation and transmission assets. This sunset is set to take effect June 30, 2004. The need to protect our assets to ensure reliable service will continue. The protection of these vital assets is essential for our economy and benefits every customer. Recovery of those costs is needed as long as is prudent and allowed by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Westar Energy requests that you approve Senate Bill 382 to ensure security costs are recovered appropriately and in a reasonable manner. Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee this morning.