

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Monday, March 16, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department

Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kimberly Svaty, The Wind Coalition

Karin Brownlee, NextEra Energy Resources

Jason Ball, Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Byer, Kansans for Clean Energy

Mark Richardson, Farmer/Landowner

Walt Chappell, private citizen

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

**Hearing continuation on: HB2373 — Renewable energy standards act sunset.**

Chairman Hedke re-opened the hearing on **HB2373**.

Kimberly Svaty, The Wind Coalition testified against the bill. ([Attachment 1](#)) She stood for questions following her testimony.

Karin Brownlee testified against the bill. ([Attachment 2](#)) She stood for questions following her testimony.

Jason Ball, Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce testified against the bill. ([Attachment 3](#))

Jennifer Byer, Kansans for Clean Energy testified against the bill. ([Attachment 4](#))

Mark Richardson, Farmer/Landowner testified against the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Walt Chappell, private citizen testified against the bill. ([Attachment 6](#))

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Written only testimony against the bill was provided by:

Rorick F. Peterson, Development Project Manager, EDP Renewables North America, LLC ([Attachment 7](#));

Ryan Flickner, Senior Director of Public Policy, Kansas Farm Bureau ([Attachment 8](#));

Bruce Graham, Department of Wind Energy Technology, Cloud County Community College ([Attachment 9](#));

Joann Knight, Dodge City/Ford County Economic Development Council ([Attachment 10](#));

Bernie Koch, Harvey County Council of Governments ([Attachment 11](#));

Jon R. Chase, Vice President, Public Affairs, Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc. ([Attachment 12](#));

Katie McClain, Senior Manager, State Government Affairs, Invenergy ([Attachment 13](#));

Matt Riley, CEO, Infinity Wind Power ([Attachment 14](#));

Jeff Riles, Manager of Regulatory Affairs on behalf of Enel Green Power North America ([Attachment 15](#));

Gus Shaar, Plant Manager, Siemens Wind Power Nachele Assembly Facility ([Attachment 16](#));

Virinder Singh, EDF Renewable Energy ([Attachment 17](#));

Cathy K. Bennett, Vice President, Public Policy and Programs, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce ([Attachment 18](#));

Sara Greenwood, LEED-AP BD+C, Principal, The Greenwood Consulting Group ([Attachment 19](#));

Mark Lawlor, Director of Development, Clean Line Energy Partners ([Attachment 18](#));

Whitney Damron on behalf of Iberdrola Renewables, LLC ([Attachment 21](#));

Caleb Hall, private citizen ([Attachment 22](#));

Grant Bannister, Alexander Community Wind Farm ([Attachment 23](#)).

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Laura Maag Lutz, Government Affairs Manager, Westar on behalf of Westar Energy, KCP&L and Empire District Electric gave neutral testimony to the bill. ([Attachment 24](#)) She stood for questions following her testimony.

Written only neutral testimony was provided by Robert H. Glass, PhD, Chief of Economics and Rates, KCC. ([Attachment 25](#))

Chairman Hedke closed the hearing on **HB2373** and adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.