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Katie McClain, Invenergy
In Opposition to S.B. 253

Chairman Olson, Vice-Chairman Peterson, Ranking Member Francisco and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully appear before you in opposition to S.B. 253. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. 253. My name is Katie McClain and I am the Senior Manager, State Government Affairs for Invenergy. Invenergy develops, owns, and operates power generation facilities in North America and Europe. We have a proven track record in establishing and maintaining longstanding, profitable relationships with utilities, suppliers, and the communities in which our projects are located.

Invenergy has developed over 10,000 MW of utility-scale renewable and natural gas-fueled power generation facilities in the United States, Canada, and Europe. This includes more than 6,000 MW of projects in operation, with more than 1,900 MW under contract or in construction. We are North America's largest independent wind power generation company.

Invenergy is in opposition of S.B. 253 – the repeal of the Kansas Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Invenergy is currently developing a 200 MW facility in Ellis County, Kansas – we have spent in excess of \$13,500,000 in development costs, including nearly \$600,000 in land payments to landowners. During the construction period, we estimate to employ 200-300 construction workers. Overall, Invenergy will invest more than \$250 million in the project. Invenergy has other early stage developments in the state and is currently planning on expanding efforts. Kansas is a great place to build wind farms, with a strong wind resource and the right policies in place, Kansas is sending a signal to the wind industry that it is open for business.

The wind industry needs certainty and repealing the Renewable Portfolio Standard would send the message to the investment community that Kansas is weakening its support of the wind industry. The RPS creates certainty for renewable energy developers as well as other businesses in the supply chain and related industries. This certainty reduces the risk and provides confidence to invest in the state for companies like Invenergy as well as our investors and financial institutions that participate in the projects.