



**Testimony of Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc.
Before the
Senate Utilities Committee
In Opposition to Senate Bill 253**

March 10, 2015

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

On behalf of Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc., and our employees in Kansas and across the United States, I respectfully submit our opposition to SB 253.

Vestas is the global leader in wind turbine manufacturing. We are the only manufacturer dedicated exclusively to wind energy, including the development, manufacturing, sale and maintenance of wind turbines. We are strongly committed to the U.S. market, including the investment of nearly \$1 billion in four manufacturing facilities. Today, we employ nearly 3,000 employees in North America at our factories and at our wind farm sites across the country.

Vestas is proud to have installed over 700 megawatts of wind turbines in Kansas, including the Smokey Hills, Caney River, and Meridian Way projects. These projects, which were completed with the support of the communities, provide clean and competitive electricity and support the local economy. They have also helped make Kansas a recognized national leader in the creation of a diversified energy portfolio.

Legislation like SB 253 does the exact opposite of what Kansas has sought to achieve through sound policy mechanisms. The bill would roll back the progress that has been made and send a signal to companies that future investment is no longer welcome. That signal will also be sent to other states that Kansas is content to cede its energy leadership.

For these important reasons, Vestas strongly urges the committee reject SB 253.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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