

Kansas Electric Transmission Authority; Federal Clean Power Plan; SB 318

SB 318 repeals the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority Act statutes that established the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA). The bill abolishes the KETA Administrative Fund and the KETA Development Fund and transfers all liabilities of those funds to the Public Service Regulation Fund of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). In addition, the bill transfers \$45,000 from the KETA Administrative Fund to the State General Fund and transfers any remaining moneys from the KETA funds to the Public Service Regulation Fund of the KCC.

In addition, the bill suspends all state agency activities, studies, and investigations that are in furtherance of the preparation of an initial submittal, or the evaluation of any options for the submission, of a final state plan pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0602, codified as 40 CFR part 60 (Clean Power Plan). The suspension of state agency activities will continue until the stay on the implementation of the Clean Power Plan is lifted. (The U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay on February 9, 2016, with regard to the implementation of the Clean Power Plan.) State agencies will still be able to communicate with, or provide information amongst, each other in furtherance of any of the agency's statutory obligations.