

# SCOTT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INC.

Senate Utilities Committee

Written Only Testimony in Opposition to SB209

Scott County Development Committee, Scott City, Kansas

March 15, 2017

Thank you for allowing SCDC to share thoughts on SB209. As members of Wheatland Electric, we already have intricate detail and access to information regarding our electric bills. Unbundling will not reveal further information. Opposition to SB209 comes from what comes next - a dramatic change in Kansas utility business.

Scott County Development Committee is charged with improving the lives of our residents by creating jobs, attracting investment, and facilitating opportunities that answer the needs of housing and workforce for our growing community. We work closely with City, County, School, Hospital and local business community to accomplish this mission. Our electric cooperative, Wheatland Electric, is an important asset to the local business community; not just for Scott City, but many other communities in western and south central Kansas served by Wheatland Electric.

We have a deep concern that changing our electric utility business will harm the ability of companies like Wheatland to be the community partner we experience today. Wheatland Electric provides a "gold standard" of community support offering programs like the Washington DC Youth Tour and Leadership Camp, annual scholarships, Cram the Van fund/food drive, high school electric car program among many, many more ways Wheatland shows concern for community. The impact of these projects would likely be reduced or eliminated if Wheatland suffered reduced revenue due to retail wheeling.

We, as leaders of economic and community development, value the support received from Wheatland Electric to help deliver the mission of this organization. Please consider all the unintended consequences of what comes after enacting SB209.

  
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