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Neutral Testimony on HB 2367

Good afternoon Mister Chairman, Madame Ranking Member and members of the Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral comments regarding HB 2367 related to the Wire Stringing Act on behalf of the Advanced Power Alliance. The members of the Advanced Power Alliance include more than forty businesses in the energy industry including developers, owners, and operators of all the wind and solar facilities in the State with the exception of two wind projects.

Many of the wind farms have a “generator lead line” which connects power from the project to the transmission grid. These generator lead lines are not part of the Southwest Power Pool’s transmission system. Further, they are not classified as transmission because it is not “open” for other electrons outside of the wind farm to flow onto the lines.

Some of the generator lead lines are lower voltage and a handful of miles long. Other generator lead lines are higher voltages – including 230kV or 345kV – and may be dozens of miles long. Generator lead lines are constructed entirely by the developer to interconnect the project. They do not have the right of eminent domain and their construction is privately funded. Ratepayers do not bare the cost of construction of the generator interconnection lines as they do for electric transmission lines as defined by FERC and SPP. The cost of the generator interconnection line is built into the purchase price for the project.

The APA does not oppose HB 2367 as the industry has no trouble confirming its assets are built to federal safety standards – further most of the counties in which wind farms and solar projects are constructed have similar construction standards. Furthermore, the information provided to the KCC will be useful and is not a cumbersome request.

We stand ready to work with the Kansas Corporation Commission and others in the energy industry to craft workable solutions to ensure strong information flows between the respective parties.

Thank you for the consideration.