

**Testimony of Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) and  
Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC)  
In Support of House Bill 2227  
Before the House Energy, Utilities & Telecom Committee  
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Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) and Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC) support HB 2227. Customers served by Evergy are struggling with rates that are significantly higher in Kansas compared to neighboring states. While many have sought out various energy efficiency and demand management options, bills continue to rise.

It should come as no surprise customers want additional options to help them take control of their energy costs. HB 2227 could be a solution for many customers, helping them both control costs but also help them meet sustainability goals.

HB 2227 removes the upfront costs, and much of the complexity, of pursuing renewable power options. The bill would allow energy customers to contract directly with a renewable energy developer or operator to buy power (a purchased power agreement, or PPA) to offset power provided by Evergy or other incumbent providers.

The bill would be greatly improved by allowing customers to purchase up to 10 MW of Kansas-sourced renewable energy through a PPA, and have that power directly delivered to them through either customer-owned facilities, or facilities owned by the seller of such Kansas-sourced renewable energy. For example, we support allowing Kansas companies to benefit directly from our many wind and solar developments throughout the state, instead of our Kansas renewable resources being shipped to customers out of state.

Until our monopoly providers can provide competitive rates, customers should have other options. HB 2227 is an option that should be considered.

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*The Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC) is a coalition of large-volume energy users in Kansas. The members collectively represent billions of dollars of investment in the State and employ thousands of Kansans. Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) is an advocacy project of KIC with members of all sizes. We believe high energy costs are negatively impacting residential consumers, schools, hospitals, and large and small businesses.*