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Dear Chairman Holmes and Members of the Committee,

EDP Renewables North America LLC ("EDPR") appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony to the House Energy and Utilities Committee regarding its presence in Kansas.

EDPR is the third largest wind developer in the United States. EDPR develops, constructs, owns and operates wind farms throughout North America; with over 275 employees, 15 offices, and 28 wind farms across the United States, EDPR has developed more than 3,700 megawatts (MW) and operates over 3,500 MW of wind farms. This includes a substantial investment in Kansas.

EDPR owns and operates the 201 MW Meridian Way Wind Farm in Cloud County. Today, both Westar Energy and The Empire District Electric Company purchase clean, renewable electricity from Meridian Way through power purchase agreements. EDPR has invested over \$340 million in the Meridian Way Wind Farm, and EDPR and the Cloud County Board of County Commissioners have entered into a gift agreement worth \$5.5 million. Construction of Meridian Way created 285 local construction jobs; today, 19 Kansans are employed at the facility. EDPR fostered strong relationships with local landowners during the development of Meridian Way, and those relationships continue during the operational phase of the facility; local landowners receive royalty payments for the duration of the project.

Out of the Overland Park Development Office, EDPR maintains its Kansas development pipeline. EDPR has over 1,000 MW of projects at various maturity levels in Kansas.

EDPR possesses an experienced origination and business development team in Houston that works closely with the development team in Overland Park to market its Kansas projects to potential customers. EDPR's Kansas projects are marketed to a wide variety of customer utilities, both in Kansas and in neighboring states. EDPR also seeks to establish new markets for its Kansas projects with utility customers in other regions and non-traditional power customers.

EDPR values its presence in Kansas and its relationships with landowners, community leaders, state officials, and power customers.

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