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SB 419

Chairman Holmes and members of the committee,

The proposed bill, SB 419, would amend K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 66-1260 to require the Kansas Corporation Commission to annually determine the aggregate retail rate impact of our utilities in order to meet the renewable portfolio requirements contained in K.S.A. Supp. 66-1258. Retail rates would provide an easily understandable report that would be presented to both Chambers, respective energy committees, and the Governor.

During Joint Committee on Energy and Environment hearings over the interim, we realized that this number is not readily available. National average numbers do not necessarily apply to Kansas, with the unique areas of prime wind in our state. Many of our States utilities have met their requirements with a mix of renewable sources of generation. This information is included in the compliance reports the COOP's and IOU's currently file with KCC.

This report would provide us with reliable information on this segment of our States generation portfolio.

Thank you for your consideration,

Senator Mike Petersen