

February 19, 2014

The Honorable Dennis Hedke, Chairperson
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Statehouse, Room 581-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hedke:

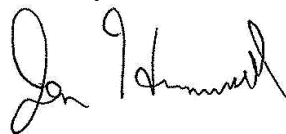
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2661 by House Committee on Energy and Environment

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2661 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2661 would require any electric utility, including a municipal utility governed by the provisions of the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA), to submit plans for review by KETA before making application to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for a certificate of public convenience for a new direct current electric transmission line. KETA would be required to review any plans and submit a report of its review to the KCC within 120 days. The report should include any concerns that need to be addressed prior to the start of a construction project.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that it is not possible to estimate the fiscal effect of the bill. According to staff who work with KETA, any work related to changes in the bill could be accomplished within existing resources. A request for fiscal information has been sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission. If a response from the agency should change the stated fiscal effect of the bill, a revised fiscal note will be issued.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Tom Day, KCC
Larry Baer, League of Municipalities