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The Honorable Pat Apple, Chairperson Senate Committee on Utilities Statehouse, Room 224-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Apple:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 333 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 333 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 333 would create the "Transparency in Electric Utility Billing Act," and would require that information be included on any electric bill for metered service provided by electric utility suppliers. The bill would require the Kansas Corporation Commission and electric utility suppliers to work together to reformat utility bills, and would require utility suppliers provide information to customers when new rates are implemented. The information provided must explain the overall change in rates and/or charges, and could be presented to customers through bill inserts or by direct mail. The bill includes definitions of black start; ancillary service charge; retail fuel, power, or energy cost adjustment; off-system sale; and special service charge.

The passage of SB 333 would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Corporation Commission; however, the changes required in the bill could increase expenditures for utility companies.

Sincerely,

Jon Hummell.

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