

HOUSE BILL No. 2514

By Representative Sloan

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1 AN ACT concerning the state corporation commission; relating to
2 distributed energy, study, rate design.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The state corporation commission shall contract with a
6 United States department of energy national laboratory for a study to
7 determine the value that distributed energy provides to the Kansas electric
8 utilities, the customers that own distributed energy resources, the
9 southwest power pool and the general economic benefits to the state.

10 (b) The study shall provide analytical results using one or more
11 methodologies that the commission shall utilize to evaluate distributed
12 energy rate designs. Such study shall be completed within 18 months from
13 the time the contract becomes effective and binding upon the parties.

14 (c) The commission shall open a docket to negotiate the contract and
15 to allow interested parties to propose relevant topics to be included in the
16 study. The contract shall not be effectuated until 50% of the cost of such
17 study is paid to the commission by interested parties, not including electric
18 public utilities, not to exceed \$150,000. The remaining cost of such study
19 shall be proportionally assessed against the electric public utilities.

20 (d) Upon completion of the study, the commission shall make the
21 results of such study available to the public for public comment and
22 review. The commission shall implement one or more distributed energy
23 tariffs based on the results of the study and the public comments.

24 (e) As used in this section:

25 (1) "Distributed energy" means electric generation that is primarily
26 used by a retail electric customer for on-site consumption, demand side
27 management that is measurable, energy storage that can be used to support
28 the interests of utilities and customers and such other topics identified by
29 the commission during the negotiation of the contract.

30 (2) "Electric public utilities" means the same as such term is defined
31 in K.S.A. 66-101a, and amendments thereto.

32 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.