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HB 2066

Thank you, Chairman and members of the Committee. I am Don Low, Director of the Utilities Division for the Kansas Corporation Commission. I appreciate the opportunity to testify for the Commission on HB 2066. The Commission supports the bill as amended.

The bill clarifies some legal ambiguities regarding transmission facilities that are not owned by retail suppliers and also clarifies the application of certain exceptions in the transmission line siting act.

Before the House Committee, the KCC suggested two amendments which the House approved. The first added a definition of “transmission facilities owner”. The second clarifies in what circumstances the use of existing easements for construction of higher voltage lines does not require KCC siting approval under the act. Therefore, the Commission believes the amendments are desirable and supports the bill.

I would be happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.