

Testimony before the Senate Utilities Committee
March 5, 2007
Opposing H.B. 2033

Chairman Emler and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Tom Thompson and I represent the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club. I have come today to speak in opposition to H.B. 2033.

H.B. 2033 gives an unfair favor to coal fired powered plants. It mandates that work not completed be deemed completed. This is done without little oversight by the KCC as to whether this is appropriate and justified. Furthermore, this advantage only helps large facilities that take years to build. Forms of energy like wind and solar that can be built more quickly are not able to take advantage of this incentive. This would result in unequal footing for these other energy generation methods.

The Sierra Club opposes the construction of new coal fired power plants and HB 2033. HB 2033 gives those constructing these plants a short cut for getting them built. Furthermore, the Sierra Club believes that the risks for building power plants should be with the investors not the ratepayers.

The Sierra Club opposes H.B. 2033 and encourages the committee to also.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

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