February 15, 2012

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

Dear Senator Apple:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 419 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 419 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 419 would amend current law regarding renewable energy resource investments. The bill would require the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to determine the statewide annual retail rate impact resulting from affected utilities meeting the renewable portfolio requirement. The following utilities could submit information regarding the portfolio requirements to the KCC:

1. Utilities that generate and sell electricity to an affected utility for all electricity sold to such utility; or

2. Utilities that transmit or distribute electricity to its cooperative members in one report on behalf of all members.

The KCC would be required to submit an annual report on the statewide retail rate impact of renewable energy resource investments for the previous year to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Utilities, and the House Committee on Energy and Utilities.

According to the Division of the Budget, it would seem that the passage of SB 419 would require data collection and report production that would be within the normal scope of responsibilities of the KCC.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Tom Day, KCC