AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to rates and energy storage devices.

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

Section 1. (a) The state corporation commission shall determine, for rate-making purposes, how energy storage will be considered as it may serve and enhance the generation, transmission and distribution systems. In order to permit the utilities and the regional transmission organization to plan most effectively, such determination shall be made by January 1, 2013.

(b) As used in this section, “energy storage device” means a device or equipment used to store electricity for release when needed. Such energy storage devices shall include, but not be limited to, batteries, fly wheels, compressed air storage and pumped hydro.

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