Electric Supply and Demand Reports; Gas System Reliability Surcharge

SB 224 contains provisions related to electric supply and demand reports and to the gas system reliability surcharge.

Electric Supply and Demand Reports

The bill requires the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to issue a biennial report on electric supply and demand for all electric utilities in Kansas, beginning February 1, 2013. The report shall include, but not be limited to, generation capacity needs, system peak capacity needs, and renewable generation needs associated with the 2009 Kansas renewable energy standards. The report will be submitted to the House Energy and Utilities Committee and the Senate Utilities Committee.

Gas System Reliability Surcharge

The bill allows a regulated natural gas company that collects a gas system reliability surcharge from its customers to request an extension of up to 12 months beyond the current 60-month requirement for a full rate review by the KCC. A motion requesting the extension must be filed with the KCC, which determines the reasonable or necessary length of the extension, up to 12 months.

The gas system reliability surcharge allows a natural gas utility to begin rate recovery of capital spent on certain types of projects prior to a full rate review by the KCC.