



**Testimony of Scott Jones
On Behalf of KCP&L
Before the Senate Utilities Committee
Oppose SB 209
March 15, 2017**

Chairman Olson and members of the committee, KCP&L is expressing our opposition to SB 209. This bill seeks to make electric utility bills far more complex than they are today at an onerous cost to utilities and is not something our customers have requested.

A normal KCP&L customer electric bill in Kansas has approximately 15 lines without a seasonal proration. This proposed legislation could create a customer utility bill with 50 to 75 lines. The more rate components added to a bill (i.e. infrastructure costs, environmental fees, special transmission fees, etc.) the more complicated it becomes along with increased customer frustration.

Over half of the items proposed in this legislation are already included on KCP&L's standard electric bill or provided through bill inserts or direct mail. The remaining items are vaguely specified, difficult to calculate, and in our opinion will cause confusion for our customers.

Electric rate design is a complex issue that balances many factors such as rate fairness, rate stability, customer rate impacts, bill complexity, cost recovery, seasonal considerations, etc. and does not lend itself well to legislation. The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), working with interested parties, is in the best position to balance these interests as part of rate design cases. The complexity created by this legislation is unnecessary for electric customers, regulators and the utility.