## KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION RATE CASES

CURB's sole program is to serve as an advocate for residential and small commercial ratepayers before the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), the Kansas Courts (on appeals of KCC orders) and the Kansas Legislature.

#### **Consequences of Not Funding this Program**

CURB's sole program responsibility and statutory authority centers on representation of residential and small commercial ratepayers before the KCC and the Kansas Legislature. These metrics indicate the key aspects of CURB's work; there are no separate and distinct programs that CURB offers its consumer citizens. The consequences of not funding CURB's program would be a void of respresentation of residential and small commercial ratepayers in important utility matters. CURB's respresentation of its contituents has obtained millions of dollars of utility rate savings as well as enjoined business practices sponsored by utilities that are adverse to consumer interests. For example, in Docket 18-WSEE-328-RTS, CURB opposed a minimum bill tariff and grid access charge for solar and other customers and prevailed before the KCC. This result benefited residential customers and may have been lost had CURB not intevene and sponsored testimony in the 2021 proceeding. CURB also attempts to add value to the legislative process through testimony before House and Senate utility committees. CURB also plays an integral role in advising consumers about their rights in utility complaint cases, both KCC-jurisdictional and otherwise. These benefits would be impared if this program were not funded.

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Statutory Basis		Discretionary	Rqt.	Level		
Specific	K.S.A. 66-1223(b)	Mandatory	No	1		

#### **Program Goals**

- A. Represents CURB constituents in KCC rate cases.
- B. Intervenes in KCC cases where necessary to protect CURB constituents from unreasonable utility business
- C. Represents CURB constituents before the Kansas legislature.
- D. Represents CURB constituents in complaint cases filed by with the KCC.

#### **Program History**

CURB was funded by the Kansas legislature in 1991. The program/role of CURB as an advocate for residential and small commercial utility ratepayers has remained with the agency since that time. Since the enactment in 1991, there have been no legislative amendments to CURB's authority.

#### **Performance Measures**

Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
Percentage of total filed rate cases in which CURB intervened on an annual basis	Α	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2. Percent of rate reduction proposed by CURB on annual basis in utility rate cases	Α	104%	99%	0	68%	75%	75%
3. Rate Savings less Rate Expenses_(In Millions)	Α	\$ 170.0	\$ 100.0	\$ -	\$ 33.3	\$ 15.0	\$ 15.0

**Output Measures** 

4. Total number of filed rate	Α	3	3	3	3	3	3
cases in which CURB							
intervened annually							

# Funding

Funding Source	ı	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
State General Fund	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-SGF State Funds		824,791	871,604	877,814	669,123	985,000	1,012,000
Federal Funds		-	_	-	-	_	-
Total	\$	824,791	\$871,604	\$ 877,814	\$ 669,123	\$ 985,000	\$ 1,012,000

# **OTHER KCC CASES**

### **Consequences of Not Funding this Program**

See KCC RATE CASES for Consequences of Not Funding this Program

Statutory Basis vs. Discretionary		_	MOE/Matc h Rqt.	Priority Level
Specific	K.S.A. 66-1223(a)	Discretionary	No	2

#### **Program Goals**

A. Intervenes in KCC cases where necessary to protect CURB constituents from unreasonable utility business practices.

#### **Program History**

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#### **Performance Measures**

Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023		
1. Percentage of total filed utility practices/programs cases which CURB analyzed and/or intervened in on an annual basis	A	81%	97%	100%	93%	95%	99%		
2. Percent of utility practices/programs cases in which CURB posited a recommendation on behalf of residential and small commercial ratepayers	A	32%	26%	25%	28%	25%	27%		
3. Annual savings achieved from CURB analysis and involvement in utility practices/programs cases versus the cost of outsourcing representation	A		\$ 142,000	\$ 531,000	\$ 336,500	\$200,000	\$ 250,000		
Output Measures									
4. Number of utility practice/program cases in which CURB intervened	Α	36	31	54	40	40	40		
Funding									

Funding Source	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Non-SGF State Funds	824,791	871,604	877,814	669,123	985,000	1,012,000	
Federal Funds	-	-	_	-	-	-	
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# **LEGISLATIVE WORK**

### **Consequences of Not Funding this Program**

See KCC RATE CASES for Consequences of Not Funding this Program

Statutory Basis		Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority Level
Specific	K.S.A. 66-1222(e)(3)	Discretionary	No	3

### **Program Goals**

A. Represents CURB constituents before the Kansas legislature. B.

#### **Program History**

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#### **Performance Measures**

Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	3- yr. Avg.	FY 2022	FY 2023
1. Percent of total legislative bills which were modified due to comments/proposals	Α	40%	40%	62.5%	48%	45%	45%
made by CURB on an annual basis							
<ol><li>Annual savings achieved through CURB analysis and</li></ol>	Α		\$ 38,700	\$ 26,500	\$ 32,600	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
input in Kansas legislation							
versus the cost of outsourcing representation							
Output Measures							
3. Total number of utility-	Α	12	8	16	12	10	10
related legislative bills analyzed and/or presented							
testimony before Kansas							
legislature on an annual							
basis 4. Total number of proposals	Α	5	5	8	6	5	5
made by CURB to legislative							
bills on an annual basis							

### **Funding**

Funding Source	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Non-SGF State Funds	824,791	871,604	877,814	669,123	985,000	1,012,000	
Federal Funds	-	_	_	-	-	-	
Total	\$ 824,791	\$871,604	\$ 877,814	\$669,123	\$985,000	\$ 1,012,000	

# **OUTREACH WORK**

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Specific K.S.A. 66-1223)(d)	Ī	Discretionary			No				4	
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Outcome Measures	Goal	FY 2019	FY 2020	F	Y 2021	3- v	r. Avg.	FY 2022	I	FY 2023
1. Percentage of the annual	Α	100%	•		100%		100%		_	100%
potential complainants who										
contactied CURB and to whom										
CURB provided advice and/or assistance										
Annual savings achieved by	Α		\$ 55,600	\$	77,500	\$ (	66,550	\$ 62,500	\$	62,500
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representative/advisory work										
with ratepayers and other										
stakeholders versus the cost of										
outsourcing representation										
Output Measures										
3. Number of CURB	Α	24	38		57		40	45		45
constituents who contacted										
CURB with a question or										
complaint with whom CURB										
interacted on an annual basis										
			Funding							
Funding Source		FY 2018	FY 2019	F	Y 2020	FY	2021	FY 2022	I	FY 2023

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Total

State General Fund

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Non-SGF State Funds

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