

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6005

By: Committee on Energy and Utilities

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9 A RESOLUTION requesting the state corporation commission to ex-  
10 amine current provider of last resort policies.

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12 WHEREAS, Telecommunications capability is important to citizens for  
13 accessing government services, educational and health care options and  
14 economic opportunities; and

15 WHEREAS, Telecommunication technologies continue to evolve;  
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17 WHEREAS, Kansas telecommunications consumers desire greater  
18 flexibility, reliability and service option from their telecommunications  
19 equipment and providers; and

20 WHEREAS, Kansas provider of last resort policies have not been up-  
21 dated to account for the continuously evolving competitive telecommu-  
22 nications markets and the significant changes in telecommunications  
23 technologies; and

24 WHEREAS, Costs to consumers and availability of telecommunica-  
25 tions capabilities and options is dependent on such factors as competitive  
26 market forces, the ability of telecommunications providers to recover and  
27 earn on their investment through customer charges, service charges or  
28 government support (such as KUSF high cost supports): Now, therefore,

29 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
30 That the state corporation commission is requested to open a docket to  
31 examine the benefits and costs to consumers and telecommunications  
32 providers of the current provider of last resort policies; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the commission is requested to evaluate  
34 whether the current provider of last resort policies are equally appropriate  
35 and necessary in competitive and in non-competitive exchange markets;  
36 and

37 *Be it further resolved:* That the commission is requested to evaluate  
38 what is the appropriate subsidy level and methodology for determining  
39 the need for and rate of subsidization for voice and broadband services  
40 in non-competitive voice only exchange markets and exchanges in which  
41 broadband service is not available to most customers at a rate of at least  
42 386 kbs in both directions; and

43 *Be it further resolved:* That the commission is requested to evaluate

1 whether consumers and providers of last resort will benefit in service  
2 quality and cost of service if providers have greater flexibility to replace  
3 copper wire-based delivery systems with non-regulated alternative tech-  
4 nologies to deliver comparable quality voice services; and  
5 *Be it further resolved:* That the commission is requested to report the  
6 results of its findings and recommendations for policy changes to the  
7 house committee on energy and utilities and the senate committees on  
8 commerce and utilities by the first day of 2009 legislative session; and  
9 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-  
10 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the chairperson  
11 of the state corporation commission.