## **HOUSE BILL No. 2225**

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to electric power purchase.

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

Section 1. (a) Any electric public utility, as defined in K.S.A. 66-101a, and amendments thereto, which after the effective date of this act is developing a new pulverized coal electricity generating facility in Kansas shall provide to any municipally owned or operated electric utility in Kansas or Kansas corporation organized under the electric cooperative act, K.S.A. 17-4601 et seq., and amendments thereto, an option to own up to 200 megawatts or enter into a power purchase agreement to purchase up to 200 megawatts of power, or a combination thereof, which is not presently dedicated to Kansas consumers, from the new pulverized coal electricity generating facility. The aggregate amount of purchased power by all municipal utilities and cooperatives shall not exceed 200 megawatts.

- (b) If the facility developer proceeds with construction of such generating facility, any municipally owned or operated electric utility in Kansas or corporation organized under the electric cooperative act, K.S.A. 17-4601 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall have six months from the date of issuance of the construction permit under the Kansas air quality act for such generating facility or nine months from the effective date of this act, whichever occurs first, to exercise the option by executing an agreement to purchase an ownership interest in or to enter into a power purchase agreement for up to 200 megawatts, or a combination thereof, from the facility developer upon the same terms and conditions as participants in the facility other than the facility developer.
- (c) If more than one municipally owned or operated electric utility in Kansas or corporation organized under the electric cooperative act, K.S.A. 17-4601 et seq., and amendments thereto, exercises the option in this section, the available megawatts, in the absence of a mutual agreement otherwise, shall be allocated equally among the municipal utilities and cooperatives but no municipal utility or cooperative may exercise an option for less than 25 megawatts.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.