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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 8, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief – House Bill 2597

House Bill 2597 would amend K.S.A. 66-1239 which authorizes a public utility to seek a predetermination of ratemaking principles and treatment from the state corporation commission prior to undertaking construction of or acquiring a stake in an electric transmission facility or generation facility. Currently, the commission is required to issue an order setting forth such ratemaking principles and treatment relating to such facility within 180 days of the date that the utility’s petition is filed. If the commission does not issue an order setting forth such ratemaking principles and treatment regarding the utility’s petition within such time period, the principles and treatment proposed by the public utility are deemed to have been approved by the commission.

HB 2597 would increase the time period for the commission to issue an order in such proceedings to 240 days.