

Kansas Corporation Commission Rate Cases

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 representation of residential and small commercial ratepayers in important utility matters. CURB's representation of its constituents 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 intervened 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 impaired if this program were not funded.

Statutory Basis	Mandatory vs. Discretionary	MOE/Match Rqt.	Priority 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 practices.
- C. Represents CURB constituents before the Kansas legislature.
- D. Represents CURB constituents in complaint cases filed by with the KCC.

Program History

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Performance Measures

<i>Outcome Measures</i>	<i>Goal</i>	<i>FY 2019 Actuals</i>	<i>FY 2020 Actuals</i>	<i>FY 2021 Actuals</i>	<i>Previous Est.</i>	<i>FY 2022 Actuals</i>	<i>FY 2023 Est.</i>	<i>FY 2024 Est.</i>	<i>3- yr. Avg.</i>
1. Percentage of total filed rate cases in which CURB intervened on an annual basis	A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
2. Percent of rate reduction proposed by CURB on annual basis in utility rate cases	A	104.0%	99.0%	0.0%	75.0%	116.0%	75.0%	75.0%	72.5%
3. Rate Savings less Rate Expenses (In Millions)	A	\$ 170.0	\$ 100.0	\$ -	\$ 15.0	\$ 24.1	\$ 35.0	\$ 35.0	\$ 34.8

Output Measures

4. Total number of filed rate cases in which CURB intervened annually	A	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3
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Funding

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State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-SGF State Funds	871,604	877,814	669,123	985,000	1,004,212	1,372,074	1,238,441	\$ 884,037
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Total	\$ 871,604	\$ 877,814	\$ 669,123	\$ 985,000	\$ 1,004,212	\$ 1,372,074	\$ 1,238,441	\$ 884,037
FTE	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	7.0

Other KCC Cases

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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. 66-1223(a)	Discretionary	No	2

Program Goals

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

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1. Percentage of total filed utility practices/programs cases which CURB analyzed and/or intervened in on an annual basis	A	81.0%	97.0%	100.0%	95.0%	100.0%	95.0%	95.0%	98.0%
2. Percent of utility practices/programs cases in which CURB posited a recommendation on behalf of residential and small commercial ratepayers	A	32.0%	26.0%	25.0%	25.0%	38.3%	30%	30%	28.6%
3. Annual savings achieved from CURB analysis and involvement in utility practices/programs cases versus the cost of outsourcing representation	A	N/A	\$ 142,000	\$ 531,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 493,250

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<i>Output Measures</i>									
4. Number of utility practice/program cases in which CURB intervened	A	36	31	54	40	29	35	35	38.5

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Legislative Work

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Program Goals

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1. Percent of total legislative bills which were modified due to comments/proposals made by CURB on an annual basis	A	40.0%	40.0%	62.5%	45.0%	13.3%	35.0%	35.0%	40.2%
2. Annual savings achieved through CURB analysis and input in Kansas legislation versus the cost of outsourcing representation	A	N/A	\$ 38,700	\$ 26,500	\$ 35,000	\$38,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 34,550

Output Measures

3. Total number of utility-related legislative bills analyzed and/or presented testimony before Kansas legislature on an annual basis	A	12	8	16	10	15	10	10	12.3
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4. Total number of proposals made by CURB to legislative bills on an annual basis	A								
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Outreach Work

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1. Percentage of the annual potential complainants who contacted CURB and to whom CURB provided advice and/or assistance	A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
2. Annual savings achieved by CURB outreach and representative/advisory work with ratepayers and other stakeholders versus the cost of outsourcing representation	A	N/A	\$ 55,600	\$ 77,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 126,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,400
<i>Output Measures</i>									
3. Number of CURB constituents who contacted CURB with a question or complaint with whom CURB interacted on an annual basis	A	24	38	57	45	33	40	40	43.3

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