

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5007

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to work to develop sufficient electric transmission facility infrastructure and design and implement regional transmission organizations and cost recovery mechanisms.

WHEREAS, The electric transmission system in the United States is an extensive network of high-voltage power lines which transport electricity from generators to consumers and which must accommodate the nation's growing demand for reliable and affordable power; and

WHEREAS, The system is rapidly becoming congested due to growth in demand, investment in new generation facilities and lack of investment in expansion and improvement of transmission facilities; and

WHEREAS, Expansion and improvement of the transmission system is vital to the national interest because congestion creates bottlenecks which result in decreased reliability, less competition, higher prices to consumers and increased infrastructure vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy recognizes that Kansas is first in the nation in wind energy production potential and has adopted incentives for investment in wind generation and generation from other resources, but expansion of generation is dependent on a transmission system that will efficiently and reliably deliver power to markets; and

WHEREAS, The existing transmission system is increasingly incapable of providing reliable service to the native load in Kansas and does not have the capacity to support economic development of renewable and fossil-fuel resources or to economically dispatch power within the state; and

WHEREAS, The existing transmission system experiences significant constraints to the importation of additional power from outside the state and export of additional power to markets beyond the state's boundaries in support of national energy reliability and clean air standards; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is crucial to resolving issues related to cost recovery of transmission facility upgrades and regional transmission system reliability issues: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to work with the State of Kansas in development of sufficient transmission facility infrastructure to support the state's economic development efforts and the nation's growing energy, security and reliability needs, along with the design and implementation of regional transmission organizations and cost recovery mechanisms; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to provide a copy of this enrolled resolution to each member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Energy, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation, the State Corporation Commission, the Nebraska

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Power Review Board, the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Adopted by the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.