

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6026

By Committee on Utilities

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9 A RESOLUTION urging the State Corporation Commission to initiate
10 a proceeding regarding local telephone service competition in certain
11 areas.

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13 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-*
14 *sas:* That the State Corporation Commission is urged to initiate, not
15 later than 30 days following receipt of the enrolled copy of this resolution,
16 a proceeding to evaluate the development and status of local service com-
17 petition in areas of the state served by local exchange carriers that have
18 elected price cap regulation pursuant to subsection (b) of K.S.A. 66-2005,
19 and amendments thereto; and

20 *Be it further resolved:* That the State Corporation Commission is re-
21 quested, in such proceeding, to:

22 (1) Review guidelines established pursuant to subsection (n) of K.S.A.
23 66-2005, and amendments thereto, for reducing regulation prior to price
24 deregulation of price cap regulated services, and modify such guidelines
25 where appropriate;

26 (2) develop recommendations for the adoption of objective criteria
27 under which the existence of competition provides adequate protection
28 for consumers, permitting price deregulation of services or baskets of
29 services; and

30 (3) establish processes for periodic review of competition in markets
31 where price deregulation has been approved and for reimposition of price
32 regulation where competition shall have ceased to provide adequate pro-
33 tection for consumers; and

34 *Be it further resolved:* That, in such proceeding the Commission is
35 urged to consider the extent to which competitive, technological and reg-
36 ulatory neutrality consistent with the public interest may be assured in
37 the provision of local service; and

38 *Be it further resolved:* That, not later than the first day of the 2006
39 legislative session, the Commission is requested to prepare and submit a
40 report to the chairperson of the standing Committee on Utilities of the
41 Senate and the chairperson of the standing Committee on Utilities of the
42 House of Representatives of the Commission's findings under subsection
43 (a) and to include in such report an analysis of the status of local service

1 competition in areas of the state served by local exchange carriers that
2 have elected price cap regulation pursuant to subsection (b) of K.S.A. 66-
3 2005, and amendments thereto, and recommendations for the adoption
4 of objective criteria under which price deregulation may be authorized
5 in a manner which will protect consumers, safeguard universal service,
6 ensure that consumers may reap the benefits of competition, maximize
7 the use of market forces and promote development of the telecommu-
8 nications infrastructure throughout the state; 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 State Cor-
11 poration Commission.