

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5027

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging development of electric  
10 transmission lines for energy security and economic development.

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12 WHEREAS, Kansas is rich with developable generation resources; and

13 WHEREAS, Electric generation provides economic opportunity to  
14 Kansas communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Transmission lines are needed to deliver this electricity  
16 to markets in Kansas and other states; and

17 WHEREAS, Policies of the Southwest Power Pool have a significant  
18 impact on the construction and operation of transmission lines; and

19 WHEREAS, There are significant uncertainties in future electric gen-  
20 eration resource costs and attributes; and

21 WHEREAS, A robust transmission system reduces risk and serves cus-  
22 tomers under multiple future generation scenarios and directly leads to  
23 economic development opportunities; and

24 WHEREAS, Ice and snow storms in Kansas have demonstrated the  
25 value and need for a more robust transmission system for energy security  
26 and reliability: Now, therefore,

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*  
28 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Southwest Power Pool, Federal  
29 Energy Regulatory Commission, Regional State Committee, and trans-  
30 mission stakeholders including operators and transmission dependent  
31 utilities should support “Postage Stamp” rates and broad-based cost re-  
32 covery mechanisms for high voltage transmission operations; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the Southwest Power Pool shall recognize  
34 the enhanced system capacity, reliability, and security of a more robust  
35 transmission system by calculating system needs not only on a N-1 basis,  
36 but by including measures of robustness, including redundancy and ec-  
37 onomic generation potential; and

38 *Be it further resolved:* That the Southwest Power Pool move quickly to  
39 consolidate balancing and control areas to increase transmission system  
40 transparency and efficiency, and to reduce operating costs; and

41 *Be it further resolved:* That the Southwest Power Pool expedite the  
42 development of broad-based cost recovery mechanisms to reduce the  
43 time devoted to recalculating benefits multiple times for potential trans-

1 mission routes as study participants withdraw their interests and com-  
2 mitments; and

3 *Be it further resolved:* That the Southwest Power Pool address expe-  
4 ditiously the needs of independent transmission companies and trans-  
5 mission dependent utilities to have greater access to the planning and  
6 operating processes; and

7 *Be it further resolved:* That the Southwest Power Pool move quickly to  
8 develop the ancillary services market necessary to support the develop-  
9 ment of large amounts of renewable energy generation; and

10 *Be it further resolved:* That the Southwest Power Pool and the Federal  
11 Energy Regulatory Commission should recognize and develop broad-  
12 based cost recovery mechanisms for extra high voltage transmission lines  
13 within and between regional transmission organizations and independent  
14 transmission organizations; and

15 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas Legislature supports transmis-  
16 sion cost recovery in retail transmission rates for well-planned transmis-  
17 sion lines as a modestly priced insurance policy on energy security for an  
18 infrastructure that provides consumer benefits and economic opportu-  
19 nities; and

20 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas Legislature is committed to  
21 assisting the Kansas Corporation Commission, Southwest Power Pool,  
22 Regional State Committee, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-  
23 mission achieve rate, regulatory, and decision-making certainty within a  
24 transparent process to expedite the development of high and extra-high  
25 voltage transmission lines for the economic benefit of Kansas, Midwes-  
26 terners, and Americans at large; and

27 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send  
28 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Kansas Corporation Commis-  
29 sion, Regional State Commission, Southwest Power Pool Executive Di-  
30 rector and Board of Directors, and the Federal Energy Regulatory  
31 Commission.