

HOUSE BILL No. 2021

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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9 AN ACT concerning utilities; relating to the granting of certificates of
10 public convenience to common carriers and public utilities.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) The state corporation commission shall grant or deny
14 a certificate of public convenience as required by K.S.A. 66-131, and
15 amendments thereto, or amendments to a certificate of public conven-
16 ience, within 120 days of the receipt of the application.

17 (b) The commission shall consider, at a minimum, the financial, man-
18 agerial and technical capabilities of a common carrier or public utility.

19 (c) The commission shall give highest priority in consideration of cer-
20 tificates to utilities contracting to construct projects approved by the Kan-
21 sas electric transmission authority.

22 (d) In granting a certificate for electric transmission projects greater
23 than 115 kilovolts, the commission shall give:

24 (1) First priority to the incumbent electric provider proposing a con-
25 tract within its service area;

26 (2) second priority to a utility under contract with the incumbent
27 electric provider that serves the territory; and

28 (3) third priority to a utility proposing a project independent of the
29 incumbent electric utility serving that area.

30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
31 publication in the statute book.