

SESSION OF 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6018**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Energy and Utilities

Brief*

HR 6018 expresses the Legislature's support for the efforts of the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA) to facilitate the construction of electricity transmission lines in the State. The resolution also expresses the Legislature's encouragement for KETA to continue participating in proceedings of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) regarding transmission of electricity in Kansas.

Background

The resolution was introduced by the House Committee on Energy and Utilities.

KETA was created by statute in 2005 to ensure reliable operation of the integrated electricity transmission system in the State, to diversify and expand the Kansas economy and to facilitate the consumption of Kansas energy through improvements in the State's electricity transmission infrastructure. KETA has determined that a robust electricity transmission system is necessary to fully develop the potential of the Kansas renewable electricity generation industry.

Currently, the KCC has before it two open dockets concerning construction of major transmission lines in southwest and south central Kansas. KETA and the KCC have

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received information indicating that expeditious resolution of the issues before the KCC is critical to the State in order to protect and improve the transmission infrastructure. KETA has intervened in those dockets.

Representative Carl Holmes, Chairperson of KETA, spoke in support of the resolution. No opponents presented testimony to the House Committee on Energy and Utilities.