

Written Only Testimony of
ITC Great Plains, LLC
Neutral Testimony to Senate Bill 92
Senate Utilities Committee
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Chairman Fagg & Committee members, my name is J. R. Behan, Manager of State Government Affairs for ITC Great Plains. I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to provide neutral testimony to you about Senate Bill 92.

ITC Great Plains is a state-certificated independent transmission company that owns and operates approximately 450 miles of high-voltage transmission lines in Kansas. At the time we received our Kansas certificate in 2007, the Kansas Corporation Chairman announced that we were probably the first new Kansas public utility in 100 years. ITC Great Plains is a subsidiary of ITC Holdings, which owns, operates, and maintains electric transmission systems and assets across 7 states in the Midwest and Great Plains region, serving over 25,000 MW of connected load and operating over 16,000 miles of electric transmission lines. ITC Great Plains is headquartered in Topeka and has offices in Wichita and Dodge City. Our company is a deeply committed and engaged corporate citizen in the towns and counties where we work and do business. In 2015, we were nominated by Ford County Economic Development for the Kansas Governor's Award of Excellence, which is the highest award given to a business by the state, and ITC Great Plains was chosen by the Department of Commerce and received the Governor's Award of Excellence as business of the year.

Senate Bill 92 proposes extending the timeframe for the Commission to issue a siting permit application from 120 days to 180 days—a 60-day increase.

While 60 days may seem like a modest extension, we are mindful of the potential impact this additional time could have on costs. Prolonging the process could lead to increased expenses, which customers may ultimately bear. As stewards of their interests, we believe it is important to carefully weigh any changes that could affect affordability.

For these reasons, we remain neutral on this legislation and appreciate consideration being given to this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective.