



**Testimony of Scott Jones  
On Behalf of Kansas City Power & Light  
Before the House Energy and Utilities Committee  
In Opposition of HB 2445  
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Chairman Holmes and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to address this issue. This bill requires the KCC to determine how energy storage will be “considered” for rate-making purposes. As part of KCP&L’s ongoing resource planning process, we consider energy storage devices as a supply option. At this point in time we continue to find that the cost of such devices does not warrant investment. Over time though it is possible energy storage products or projects will be cost effective for our customers. At that time we would either (1) build such a resource and then seek appropriate rate treatment or (2) seek KCC predetermination and then build (assuming we received an acceptable predetermination order). This can all be accomplished under the current regulatory structure. We oppose this bill on the simple fact that it is unnecessary and creates an additional KCC docket that is unwarranted.