



**Written Testimony of Scott Jones
On Behalf of Kansas City Power & Light
Before the House Energy and Utilities Committee
Neutral to HB 2446
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Chairman Holmes and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to address this amendment to the Renewable Energy Standards (RES) Act. Earlier this year I updated the committee on KCP&L's efforts to comply with the RES Act. We want to highlight for the committee investments KCP&L has already made to meet the RES standards for 2016 and 2020, if these requirements were to be removed based on this amendment.

KCP&L first invested in wind energy near Spearville, KS in 2006. We own nearly 150 MW of wind near Spearville with contracts to purchase over 230 MW more wind in western Kansas. We also have a contract in place for 56 MW of hydroelectric power from Nebraska. Our Kansas customer's share of these renewable investments is 218 MW compared to 167 MW KCP&L estimates is needed to meet 2012 RES standards.

These investments were made based on opportunities we had to meet existing standards with the lowest cost options available. Ultimately our customers will pay for these investments, pending regulatory approval, whether this amendment passes or not.