

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Michael Fagg, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Fagg:

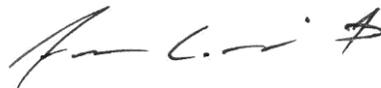
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 455 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 455 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 455 would amend current law to provide certain circumstances for a public utility to continue to retain a coal-fired electric generating facility in its rate base and recover expenses associated with the operation of the facilities. The bill would allow public utilities that utilize coal-fired electric generating facilities, if determined by the State Corporation Commission to be just, reasonable, and necessary for the provision of sufficient and efficient service to: (1) retain a coal-fired facility in its rate base; (2) recover expenses associated with the operation of coal-fired facilities that remain in service to provide greater certainty that capacity will be available to provide essential service to customers, including during extreme weather events; and (3) recover any portion of a public utility's rate base and incurred expenses necessary for the facilities to operate at a low-capacity factor or that are offline during normal operating conditions and providing capacity only.

The Kansas Corporation Commission and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board indicate that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Peter Barstad, Kansas Corporation Commission
Shonda Rabb, Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board