

January 31, 2023

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

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 78 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 78 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 78 would require the Kansas Corporation Commission to evaluate three additional criteria during electric utility rate case proceedings: regional competitiveness of the utility's rates, rate affordability, and the impact of such rates upon the state's economic development efforts.

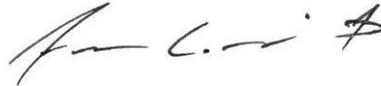
Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	\$25,000	--	\$25,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Electric utility rate cases are filed approximately every three years. The Citizen's Utility Ratepayer Board anticipates that two cases would be filed in FY 2023 and that these cases would last into FY 2024. The agency estimates that enactment of SB 78 would result in \$25,000 of additional expenditures from the agency fee fund in FY 2023 and FY 2024 and \$25,000 of additional expenditures per rate case in future years. These expenditures would be used to retain expert consultants to evaluate rate cases on the new criteria relating to rate competitiveness. Fee fund assessments would be made to the pertinent electric utility to recover those expenses.

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The Kansas Corporation Commission indicates that enactment of SB 78 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 78 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

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