

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1612

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting and facilitating regionally
2 competitive retail electric rates in the state of Kansas and urging the
3 State Corporation Commission to take all lawful action to promptly
4 set rates for retail electric service in the state of Kansas at regionally
5 competitive levels.

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7 WHEREAS, Rates for retail electric service in Kansas have risen
8 significantly over the last decade; and

9 WHEREAS, Kansas retail electric rates are no longer competitive
10 with rates for electric service in the surrounding region; and

11 WHEREAS, Kansas' regionally uncompetitive electric rates are
12 negatively impacting the State's economic competitiveness as a location
13 for industry and commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, Captive Kansas residents and businesses are
15 economically harmed by the significantly escalating electric rates of
16 monopolistic electric public utilities, which are increasing rates at levels
17 far outpacing the annual rate of inflation: Now, therefore,

18 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
19 *Representatives concurring therein:* That it shall be the policy of the state
20 of Kansas to have regionally competitive rates for retail electric service to
21 promote economic growth and support local communities; and

22 *Be it further resolved:* That we urge the State Corporation
23 Commission to take any and all lawful action to promptly reduce Kansas
24 retail electric rates to regionally competitive levels; and

25 *Be it further resolved:* That, following any initiative to reduce retail
26 electric rates, we urge the State Corporation Commission to take any and
27 all lawful action to maintain Kansas retail electric rates at regionally
28 competitive levels; and

29 *Be it further resolved:* That, to the extent the State Corporation
30 Commission determines it does not have sufficient statutory authority to
31 promptly and effectively undertake an initiative to materially reduce retail
32 electric rates, we urge it to report to the Kansas legislature, identifying
33 any new statutory authority that is necessary or that would assist the

- 1 agency to reduce retail electric rates to regionally competitive levels; and
- 2 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled
- 3 copies of this resolution to Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner
- 4 Jay Scott Emler and Commissioner Pat Apple of the State Corporation
- 5 Commission.