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**Sprint Testimony in Opposition to SB 433  
Before the Kansas Senate Utilities Committee  
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On behalf of Sprint and our 7,200 employees in Kansas, I appreciate the opportunity to present Sprint's comments in opposition to SB 433.

According to a recent survey, 91% of Kansans agree that wind energy helps stabilize electric bills for homes and business, brings significant jobs and investment to our state, helps our communities grow, and helps to protect our natural resources. (Wind Coalition and the Climate and Energy Project poll 1/23/14)

Sprint supports the current RPS law because it increases the supply of renewable energy in Kansas, decreases reliance on fossil fuels and allows the state to be enriched through renewable energy as an export business. We have an incredible wind resource in our state and we should use it to our fullest economic advantage.

For Sprint specifically, it offers us a greater opportunity to buy Renewable Energy Credits through Kansas City Power and Light (KCPL). KCPL just completed buying wind at a level above their coming RPS needs. They can sell the green attributes of this wind power to Sprint, allowing Sprint to purchase green energy in our headquarters state.

While most if not all the utilizes in Kansas may already be at the 2015 RPS level of 15%, it is clear that Kansas and energy consumers have benefitted from this policy. According to KCPL's Director or Communications, Katie McDonald: "We believe the total benefit for our customers over the next 20 years is that rates and costs will be about \$1 billion lower than they would have been if we hadn't been investing in wind energy efficiency." (Kansas City Star article 1/8/14)

Some Kansas lawmakers and outside interest groups want to stop wind development in Kansas, sending jobs and investment to neighboring states. We need Kansas's legislators to stay the course on wind energy development and continue the RPS.

Thank you.

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