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House Bill 2436  
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Chairman Holmes and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the committee in favor of House Bill 2436. I am Patti Petersen-Klein, Executive Director of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

The KCC supports House Bill 2436, which imposes a 180-day time limit for the Commission to act on applications for certificates of public convenience. This deadline ensures a predictable turnaround and gives a measure of confidence to new companies seeking certification as public utilities in Kansas, especially innovative companies looking to take advantage of our state's bountiful wind energy resources.

The Kansas Corporation Commission always strives to be responsible to our stakeholders, and this amendment ensures that companies seeking certification as public utilities receive timely, responsive consideration of their application. The Commission therefore supports HB 2436. We will also continue to search for additional proactive measures to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our day-to-day utility operations.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, and I will respond to questions at the appropriate time.

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