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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 224**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Utilities

**Brief\***

SB 224 would allow a regulated natural gas company that collects a gas system reliability surcharge from its customers to request an extension of up to 12 months beyond the current 60-month requirement for a full rate review by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). A motion requesting the extension would have to be filed with the KCC, which would determine the reasonable or necessary length of the extension, up to 12 months.

The gas system reliability surcharge allows a natural gas utility to begin rate recovery of capital spent on certain types of projects prior to a full rate review by the KCC.

**Background**

A representative of Black Hills Energy testified in support of the bill in the Senate Committee on Utilities on behalf of Black Hills Energy, Atmos Energy, and Kansas Gas Service. The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed written testimony in support of the bill.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on either the KCC or CURB.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>