

March 13, 2007

Chairman Emler and Members of the Senate Utility Committee:

My name is Joe Dick, and I am the Government Affairs officer for the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities.

The Board of Public Utilities is the largest municipally owned utility in the state of Kansas. The Board of Public Utilities serves 65,000 power customers and 57,000 water customers.

The Board of Public Utilities is opposed to House Bill # 2127.

It is our believe that it is wrong for any utility to be asked to subsidize an educational program of a college. The bill seeks to have a utility pay 150% of the monthly system average cost of energy per kWh, rather than simply pay avoided costs which is current law for any excess generation that a wind generator would produce at the school.

The Board of Public Utilities urges you not to pass the bill as written.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Dick Government Affairs Officer