The Honorable Robert Olson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Utilities
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 355 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 355 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 355 would amend existing law concerning electric cooperatives and the relationship of the cooperatives to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). Currently, the law specifies the provisions under which a cooperative may elect to be exempt from the jurisdiction, regulation, supervision, and control of the KCC. The requirements for deregulation do not affect the single certified service territory of a cooperative or the authority of the KCC over a cooperative with regard to charges, fees or tariffs for transmission services. SB 355, however, would exempt charges or fees for transmission services that are recovered through an open access transmission tariff of a regional transmission organization that has its rates approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

According to the Kansas Corporation Commission, enactment of SB 355 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jake Fisher, KCC