February 9, 2018

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

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 396 by Senate Committee on Utilities

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 396 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 396 would prohibit any common carrier or public utility, in which the Kansas Corporation Commission has control, from including in its rates an amount for federal or state corporate income tax that exceeds the then-applicable federal or state income tax rate for corporations. If the common carrier or utility does collect an amount for federal or state taxes in excess of the amount applicable at the time the rates were approved by the Commission, the difference must be refunded with 5.0 percent interest to customers within 150 days of the tax change. The refunds must be disbursed to customers through a separate line item on a bill or through direct mail or electronically deposited payment to those customers outside of a monthly bill for service.

According to the Kansas Corporation Commission, enactment of SB 396 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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