A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting and facilitating regionally competitive retail electric rates in the state of Kansas and urging the State Corporation Commission to take all lawful action to promptly set rates for retail electric service in the state of Kansas at regionally competitive levels.

WHEREAS, Rates for retail electric service in Kansas have risen significantly over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Kansas retail electric rates are no longer competitive with rates for electric service in the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Kansas' regionally uncompetitive electric rates are negatively impacting the State's economic competitiveness as a location for industry and commerce; and

WHEREAS, Captive Kansas residents and businesses are economically harmed by the significantly escalating electric rates of monopolistic electric public utilities, which are increasing rates at levels far outpacing the annual rate of inflation: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That it shall be the policy of the state of Kansas to have regionally competitive rates for retail electric service to promote economic growth and support local communities; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge the State Corporation Commission to take any and all lawful action to promptly reduce Kansas retail electric rates to regionally competitive levels; and

Be it further resolved: That, following any initiative to reduce retail electric rates, we urge the State Corporation Commission to take any and all lawful action to maintain Kansas retail electric rates at regionally competitive levels; and

Be it further resolved: That, to the extent the State Corporation Commission determines it does not have sufficient statutory authority to promptly and effectively undertake an initiative to materially reduce retail electric rates, we urge it to report to the Kansas legislature, identifying any new statutory authority that is necessary or that would assist the
agency to reduce retail electric rates to regionally competitive levels; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner Jay Scott Emler and Commissioner Pat Apple of the State Corporation Commission.