

January 26, 2012

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 225-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 271 by Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 271 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 271 would establish that ownership of all pore space in all strata below the surface lands and waters in the state resides with the owners of the surface land or water above the strata. Any document that would transfer the rights to pore space as a part of this bill would be required to describe the scope of any right to use the surface estate. Transfers of pore space rights made after the effective date of this act are null and void at the option of the owner of the surface estate if the transfer document does not contain a specific description of the location of the pore space being transferred.

The Kansas Corporation Commission indicates that the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Tom Day, KCC