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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 419

As Amended by Senate Committee on Utilities

Brief*

SB 419 would amend the Renewable Energy Standards Act to require the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to annually determine the annual statewide retail rate impact that results from affected utilities meeting the renewable portfolio requirements of the Act. The KCC would establish the requirements for submission of necessary information either in rules and regulations or by order of the Commission. The KCC would be required to submit an annual report of the retail rate impact for the previous year to the Governor, the Senate Committee on Utilities, and the House Committee on Energy and Utilities by March 1 of each year, beginning in 2013.

Background

Senator Mike Petersen testified in support of the bill. He stated that the retail rate impact of the renewable portfolio requirement currently is not readily available, and the report required by the bill would provide reliable information on this segment of the portfolio requirement. The Kansas Electric Power Cooperative submitted written testimony in support of the bill. There was no opposition testimony on the bill.

Westar Energy provided neutral testimony on the bill and offered an amendment that would delete language in the bill that described how information would be submitted to the KCC. The amendment would instead direct the Commission to adopt a process for submitting information, either through

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rules and regulations or by Commission order. The KCC also submitted written neutral testimony.

The Senate Committee on Utilities amended the bill to direct the KCC to determine the process for submission of information, either by rules and regulations or by Commission order.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget stated that the activities required by the bill would be within the normal scope of responsibilities of the KCC.