

74-99d08. Authority not subject to state regulation, exception; eminent domain power; statutory benefits, application; entry of authority and agents on lands and waters. (a) The authority shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by the state corporation commission, except that the authority shall be construed to be a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the state corporation commission with regard to wire stringing and transmission line siting pursuant to K.S.A. 66-183 and 66-1,177 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(b) The authority may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by the laws of this state for the exercise of such power by corporations constructing, upgrading or repairing electric transmission facilities.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by this act, the authority shall be entitled to all statutory benefits available to corporations constructing, upgrading or repairing electric transmission lines.

(d) The authority and its authorized agents and employees may enter upon any lands, waters and premises in the state for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, drillings and examinations as the authority may deem necessary or convenient for the purposes of this act. Such entry shall not be deemed a trespass or an entry under any condemnation proceedings which may be then pending. The authority shall make reimbursement for any actual damage resulting to such lands, waters and premises as a result of entry or activities authorized by this section.

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