

58-2334. Foreclosure proceedings to enforce mortgages or deeds of trust of electric public utilities. In cases where any electric public utility operating or owning property in this state shall have heretofore executed or shall hereafter execute a mortgage or deed of trust securing an issue or issues of bonds or other indebtedness, actions for foreclosure thereof may be brought in the name of the mortgagee or, in the case of deeds of trust, in the name of the trustee or trustees, and judgment rendered in favor of such mortgagee or trustee or trustees for the amount of indebtedness found owing for the benefit of the holders of such indebtedness. Such actions may be brought in the county in which the principal office of the utility in this state is located or in any county in which property covered by the mortgage is located.

All of the properties and franchises covered by the mortgage and any other properties appurtenant thereto constituting a part of the utility system may be ordered sold and sale thereof had, whether as an entirety or in classified parcels as directed by the court, at a single sale in the county where the proceeding is pending, such sale to be conducted by the sheriff of said county as in the case of other mortgage foreclosure sales, or the court may in its discretion appoint a special commissioner to make and conduct such sale, execute conveyance to the purchaser and distribute the proceeds of the sale as ordered by the court, any such sale to be subject to confirmation by the court pursuant to report thereof made by such sheriff or special commissioner.

The person or persons acquiring title under such sale by appropriate instrument of conveyance from the sheriff or special commissioner pursuant to order of confirmation of such sale, shall have and acquire thereby and may exercise and enjoy in accordance with their terms, all the rights, privileges, grants and franchises, municipal or otherwise, covered by such mortgage or deed of trust which belonged to and were enjoyed by the utility making such mortgage or deed of trust or its successors in interest, together with all permits or certificates of public convenience granted under K.S.A. 66-131, so far as the same relate and appertain to the property mortgaged and sold, and if the execution of such mortgage or deed of trust and issuance of the securities or incurring of the indebtedness secured thereby shall have been authorized by the state corporation commission, no further authorization or consent from said state corporation commission shall be required for the assignment and conveyance of such properties, rights or franchises to such purchaser or purchasers.

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