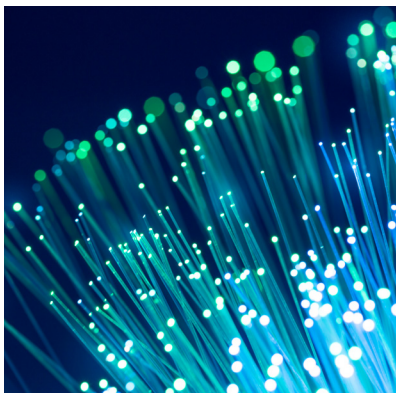
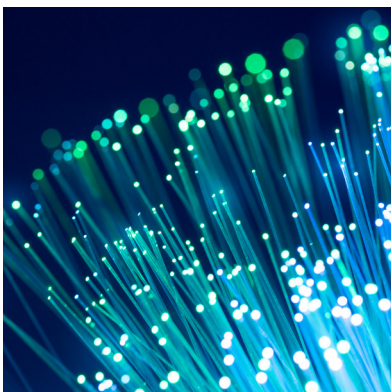




FY 2024
In Review



Serving the people of Kansas by regulating the State's energy infrastructure, oil and gas production and commercial trucking to ensure public safety.



About the Commission



Andrew J. French
Chairperson



Dwight D. Keen
Commissioner



Annie Kuether
Commissioner

The Commission consists of three members appointed by the Governor to overlapping four-year terms. No more than two members may be of the same political party. The authority of the Kansas Corporation Commission is derived from K.S.A. 74-601 to 74-631.

The Commission regulates investor-owned utilities operating in the state, the Kansas oil and gas industry and motor carrier safety. The KCC does not regulate most electric cooperatives, water cooperatives, municipalities, wireless telephone, long distance service, cable companies, or internet services.

To carry out its multi-faceted mission, the Commission is financed from assessments, registration fees, operating charges, federal funds, and other fee funding sources. The KCC does not receive funding from the state general fund.

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Business Meetings	95	3,748 Total orders issued by the Commission in FY2024.
Evidentiary Hearings	17	
Public Hearings	6	



The Commission meets bi-weekly at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. The meeting is broadcast live on the KCC's YouTube channel. To preview the agenda in advance, sign up for meeting notifications at:

<https://kcc.ks.gov/>

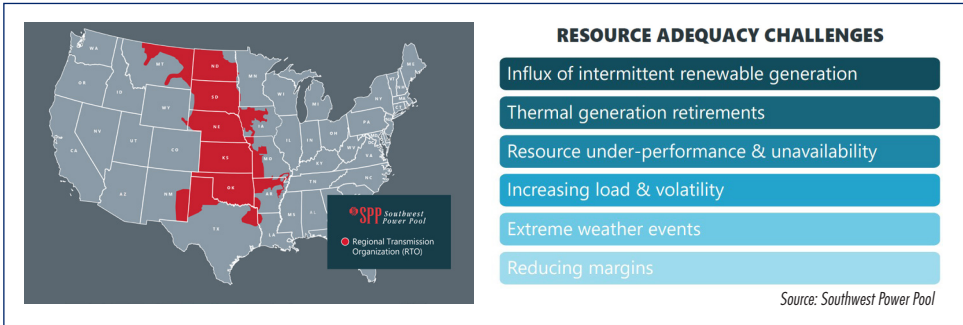
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Resource planning remains critical as energy needs continue to grow

As businesses, manufacturers and other high volume electricity users announce plans to locate or expand in the State, the complex process of predicting and planning for future energy needs becomes increasingly important.

Kansas is a member of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), along with 13 other states. SPP is a non-profit Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). SPP's role is to ensure reliable supplies of wholesale power, adequate transmission infrastructure, and competitive pricing of electricity for its members. Resource adequacy is a critical area of focus for the KCC, the SPP, and FERC.



The KCC actively engages in the SPP stakeholder process to influence sound resource adequacy policy and ensure our local utilities are effectively planning to meet their obligations. In addition, the KCC maintains an internal working group dedicated to tracking and participating on FERC & SPP issues. Chairperson French established the Resource and Energy Adequacy Leadership (REAL) team at the SPP in January 2023. The team monitors resource adequacy and anticipated challenges resulting from resource mix changes, extreme weather impacts, increased demand and evolving consumer behaviors.

Planning reserve margin increases requested

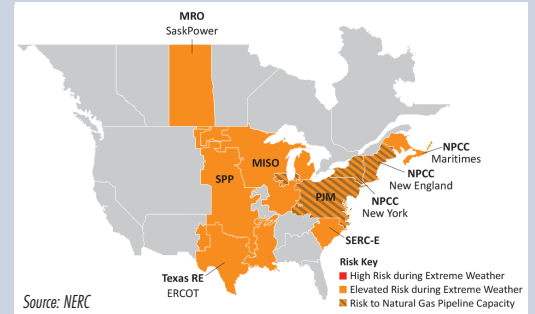
The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional State Committee and Board of Directors is proposing an increase in the planning reserve margin (PRM) member utilities are required to maintain in support of regional grid reliability. PRM represents the amount of back-up power utilities must have to guard against unplanned conditions or events on the regional power grid, such as an extreme weather event. Any changes must be approved by FERC before taking effect.

The proposal calls for a new requirement of a 36% winter-season PRM and a 16% summer-season PRM to take effect in summer 2026 and winter 2026/2027. If approved, this is the first time winter and summer PRMs have been defined differently. The PRM is currently 15% (up from 12% in 2022) and applies to both winter and summer.



The chart above illustrates how summer reserves are projected to fall under the current 15% with no excess capacity if changes are not made.

NERC 2024-2025 Winter Reliability Assessment



The North American Electric Reliability Corporation's 2024–2025 Winter Reliability Assessment finds that while regulatory and industry initiatives have improved winter readiness, many parts of North America are once again at an elevated risk of energy shortfalls under extreme conditions. However, no areas are identified as having a high risk of energy shortfalls in extreme weather conditions and all areas are expected to have adequate resources under normal winter peak load conditions.

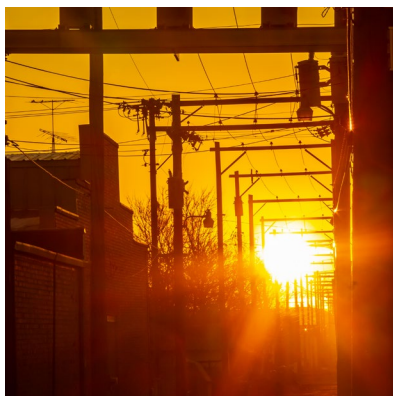


SPP confident in meeting energy needs this winter

SPP conducts an assessment each year to identify and mitigate threats to energy reliability during the winter season lasting from December to March. The analysis considers factors such as historical and predicted future electricity use, weather forecasts, the variability of available wind energy, drought conditions and generation and transmission outages. Based on its assessment results, SPP anticipates a 98.5% probability that it will have sufficient resources to meet the projected peak demand for electricity and maintain energy reserves throughout the upcoming winter season. SPP further anticipates an even greater chance that it can meet region-wide demand with the help of reserves if needed.



- Ensure sufficient and safe utility services at just rates.
- Enforce state and federal pipeline safety regulations.
- Administer Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF).



Utilities Electric



The Kansas Corporation Commission regulates the state’s investor-owned electric companies: Evergy, Liberty-Empire, and Southern Pioneer. The KCC also has limited jurisdiction over a number of additional electric utilities operating in the State, primarily for certification and siting of electric transmission lines.

The KCC regularly intervenes in electric matters at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to protect the interests of Kansas ratepayers. The KCC also has representation in transmission matters at the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

Regionally competitive rates remain a focus

Improving the regional competitiveness of Kansas’ electric rates is a goal shared by the Commission, the Legislature, and energy stakeholders. While the State has made great progress in the last five years, the Commission will continue to look for ways to improve regional rate competitiveness over time, where our legal authority allows, while ensuring continued access to safe, reliable electric service. As in past years, KCC staff is prepared to provide an update to the Legislature on the current status of state’s regional rate competitiveness in the first few weeks of the Legislative Session if requested.

Here are some highlights from this year’s report:

- Over the past five years, Kansas electricity rates increased in total by 0.77%, which ranks No. 49 out of 50 states during this time for the highest growth in electricity prices (No. 1 being the highest growth in prices).
- This growth in rates is slower than Arkansas (25.13%), Texas (18.38%), Minnesota (17.78%), Colorado (17.40%), Oklahoma (14.96%), Missouri (9.50%), Iowa (5.56%), and South Dakota (5.18%). Kansas electric rates grew faster than North Dakota (-9.92%).
- In 2023, average electricity rates in Kansas declined 5.80% compared to 2022. This ranks 47th out of 50 states, with No. 1 being the fastest increase in prices. Only 3 states in the country reduced electricity prices by more than Kansas in 2023. Oklahoma, Georgia, and Louisiana.
- In 2023 Kansas electricity rates were 14.81% lower than the national average (compared to 1.8% higher than national average in 2018).
- Kansas electricity rates have fallen from 15th highest in the Country in 2018 to 30th highest in 2023.

Residential Electric Bill Comparison | July 2023 to June 2024

	Company**	Customer Charge	Energy Charge	ECA**	Winter Storm Uri	Energy Efficiency Rider	Trans. Delivery Charge	Property Tax Surcharge	Tax Change Rider	Total Bill Without Tax	Cost Per KWH	Utility Bill as a % of National Average Bill	Utility Bill as a % of Kansas Wt. Avg. Bill	Number of Residential Customers
Investor-Owned	Empire	\$14.25	\$56.12	\$24.63	\$5.14	\$0.22	\$18.46	\$1.33	\$(1.05)	\$119.11	\$0.133	82.23%	96.66%	8,264
	Energy Metro	\$14.25	\$76.25	\$13.42	\$-	\$0.04	\$7.74	\$1.30		\$113.00	\$0.126	78.01%	91.70%	242,173
	Energy Central	\$14.25	\$74.39	\$20.42	\$-	\$0.18	\$16.46	\$1.44		\$127.14	\$0.142	87.78%	103.18%	639,156
									KS Weighted Average Bill ***	\$123.22	\$0.137	85.07%		
									National Average Bill *	\$144.85	\$0.161			

* Average retail price of electricity monthly (FY2024)
 ** Utility Average ECA for the July 2023 through June 2024 period
 *** Weighted by customers using 2024 Annual Report data and EIA Annual Report data



Powering Kansas into the future

Ensuring adequate power to serve Kansas customers is a top priority for the Commission and its Staff. Several risk factors have materialized in recent years that have the potential to disrupt the ability of the electric utility industry in Kansas to provide continuous, reliable power to customers. These issues are present throughout the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and to varying degrees, nationwide. These factors include:

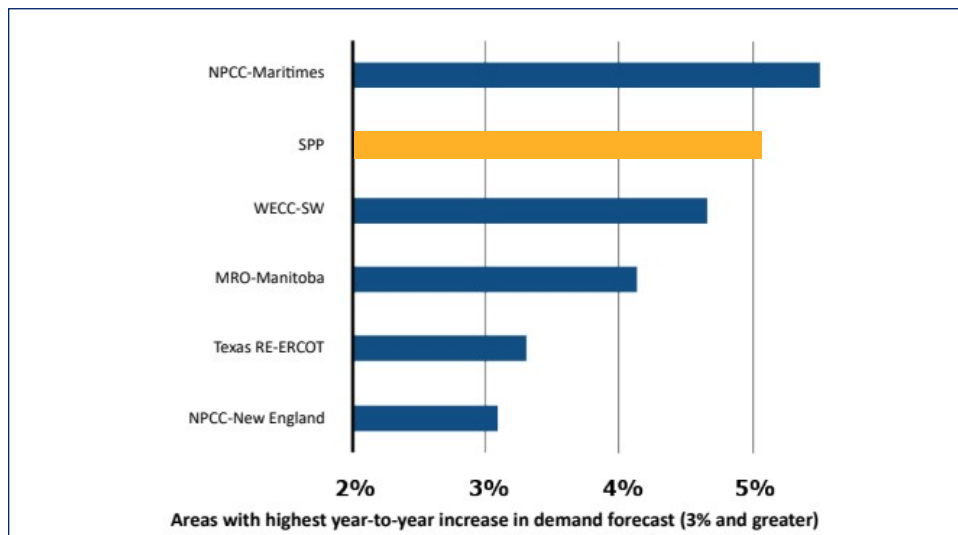


- The pace of transition away from fossil-fueled baseload generation, towards intermittent renewable resources.
- Substantial growth in peak electricity demand, driven by economic development, as well as electrification for home heating, transportation, and data center loads.
- Increasingly severe weather events.

Regulated utilities are required to file reports, known as Integrated Resource Plans (IRP), on a regular basis to share their forecasts, modeling and plans for meeting customer needs. When an IRP results in a decision to retire or add new generation, the utility can make a Predetermination filing pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1239, which allows a utility to petition the Commission for a determination of ratemaking principles and treatment to be applied prior to retiring or acquiring a stake in a generating facility.

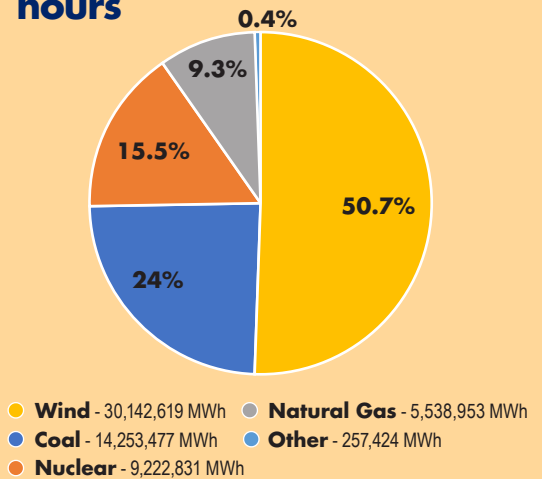
Based on anticipated needs, Evergy announced plans to build two new gas-fired generating facilities and a solar facility. The gas plants are being proposed in Reno County and Sumner County. In response to a November filing, the Commission will make a predetermination on when and how costs will be recovered and the potential impacts to ratepayers before the projects move forward. As part of the predetermination process, the Commission will consider input from intervening parties as well as the general public.

Load Growth could increase reliability risk



Rapid demand growth in many areas is further straining parts of the system. While demand has grown, over 4.5 GW of generation has been retired over the same period in the United States increasing reliability risk.

Kansas Electric Generation Sources by Total Megawatt hours



Source: U.S. Department of Energy, The Energy Information Administration (EIA) August 2023 to July 2024

Future transmission development planned

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) continues to approve new transmission facilities to serve expected load growth, enhance reliability of the transmission system, and improve the affordability of wholesale power through the SPP Integrated Marketplace. Recently the SPP approved a \$7.7 billion portfolio of transmission projects as part of the 2024 Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) process. This includes 89 transmission projects across the 14-state SPP region, including 3 new large 345 kV transmission projects in Kansas:

Buffalo Flats – Delaware	KS/OK	154.6 miles	\$480,090,326
Elm Creek – Tobias	KS/NE	85.2 miles	\$148,419,672
Holcomb – Sidney	KS/NE	300 miles	\$887,460,816

Resource Adequacy Series

The KCC has been proactively engaged in addressing resource adequacy challenges. The Commission conducted a series of five public workshops to explore these issues throughout 2023 and 2024. The workshops have allowed industry experts to present their views and to answer questions from the Commissioners and Commission Staff in a public setting. A link to view recordings of the workshops can be found at <https://www.kcc.ks.gov/resource-adequacy-work-study-series>.



Utilities Natural Gas & Pipeline Safety



KCC Utility Operations and Pipeline Safety staff play an important role in keeping Kansans safe in their homes and neighborhoods. They enforce federal and state pipeline safety regulations ensuring the safe operation of all gas utilities. The staff also provides technical expertise relating to electric utility operations, reliability, safety, electric transmission siting, and electric and gas consumer service, as well as analyzing requested changes to natural gas and electric certificates.

The KCC regulates three large (annual operating revenue greater than \$10 million) natural gas distribution utilities: Atmos Energy Corporation, Black Hills/ Kansas Gas Utility Co., and Kansas Gas Service, a Division of ONEOK, Inc. In addition, the Commission Staff monitors the rate and tariff activities of several interstate pipelines that serve Kansas local distribution companies, towns, and other large volume gas users.

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Pipeline Safety Penalty Orders

with **\$23,250**

in assessed fines.*

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On-Site inspections increase compliance, safety

Pipeline safety personnel continue to conduct onsite inspections of intrastate natural gas facilities. The inspections monitor the gas systems for any areas of non-compliance with pipeline safety regulations. A typical audit will stress compliance with the operator's management of the integrity of the pipeline delivery system including a review of emergency response plans, odorization requirements, cathodic protection, leak surveys, and operator qualification requirements.

Engineers and pipeline safety inspectors also investigate any incident where natural gas is suspected to be the cause or there is an alleged violation of the Kansas Underground Utilities Damage Prevention Act (KUUDPA). Their findings are reported to the Commission.

In calendar year 2023, the Commission acted upon 25 filings in which fines were levied to 21 excavators for failure to notify utilities prior to excavating over buried facilities. Fines were also levied to 3 utility operators for failure to provide timely or accurate locates. For the 25 cases, a total of \$31,250 in fines was levied. Kansas experienced one natural gas incident in CY 2023.



Underground Damage Prevention Statistics for CY2023

Location	Total Gas Damage Incidents	Gas Damages Investigated	Gas Locates Requested	Damages Per 1000 Locates
Johnson County	181	352	157,009	2.2
Sedgwick County	153	180	150,363	1.2
Remaining State	127	760	372,750	3.8

Safety education classes for industry professionals

The KCC hosts an annual pipeline safety seminar and participates in workshops across the state to help professionals managing pipeline operations, maintenance and emergency response learn new skills and stay up-to-date with current regulations.



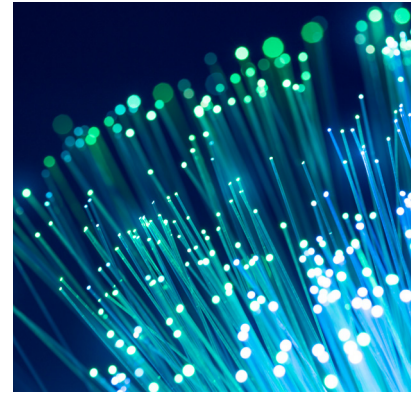


KCC Telecommunications staff is responsible for administering the Kansas Universal Service Fund as well as researching, investigating, analyzing and making recommendations to the Commission on all telecommunications matters. Staff is also involved in Federal Communications Commission cases and participates on National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission (NARUC) subcommittees and Federal-State Joint Boards.

Kansas Universal Service Fund

The Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) was established by the Commission in 1996, as required by the Kansas Telecommunications Act. Now in its 28th year, the KUSF continues to provide much needed services to Kansans. Those services include telephone discounts to low-income families, phone services and adaptive equipment for persons with disabilities, and network enhancements and upgrades in rural areas.

All telecommunications companies must contribute to the KUSF. Assessments are a percentage of intrastate (within Kansas) retail revenues. Companies are allowed to pass the assessment on to its customers, but not required to. Effective March 1, 2024, the current KUSF funding requirement is \$37.1 million. The carrier assessment rate is 11.69%.



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Telecom Penalty Orders
with

\$3300

in assessed fines.*

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How are KUSF dollars used?*

Enhancements/upgrades in rural areas	\$36 million
Lifeline Program	\$143,800
Kansas Relay 711	\$179,800
Telecommunications equipment program	\$269,900
Fund administration/carrier audits	\$554,500

* Annual budget effective March 1, 2024



Lifeline helps low-income Kansans stay connected

The Lifeline program connects low-income families and individuals to the services they need to access healthcare, find jobs, attend classes, stay in touch with family, and call for help in an emergency.

Those who qualify, based on income or participation in other assistance programs, receive up to \$17.02 per month in combined federal and state assistance to pay for telephone service or broadband internet. The state portion of the benefit (\$7.77) comes from the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF), administered by the KCC, and may only be used on phone service. The federal discount (\$9.25) may be used on internet, bundled phone/internet or voice only phone service. Only \$5.25 of federal portion may be applied to voice only plans.

Currently, nearly 8 million Americans, including 23,000 in Kansas, are enrolled in the program. More information on income eligibility, participating providers, and the enrollment process is available on the [KCC's website](#).





Transportation



The role of the KCC Transportation Division is to ensure appropriate and effective regulatory oversight of motor carriers, with the goal of protecting the public interest and promoting safety through comprehensive planning, licensing, education, and inspection. Transportation Staff conducts both comprehensive and focused off-site investigations and audits on new and existing motor carriers, taking appropriate action upon discovering unsafe conditions. The staff works closely with the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to reduce crashes involving motor carriers through promotion of safety education.

- Provide regulatory oversight of motor carriers.
- Conduct audits, inspections and licensing.
- Promote safety through education.



Education and regulation make roads safer

On average, 940 new motor carriers take to Kansas roads each year. It's a highly regulated industry and there is a lot for a rookie to learn. Mistakes can be costly, if not deadly, if safety isn't a priority. That's why the KCC Transportation Division's mission is to educate, then regulate.

The KCC provides free and easily accessible resources to help new drivers get off to a good start.

Educational Safety Seminars

Educational Safety Seminars are conducted weekly and are available to new drivers or as a refresher to educate out of compliance motor carriers. The classes are held virtually, which provides easy access from any location. Motor carriers are notified of seminar dates at the time they apply for KCC authority. Information is also available on the KCC website and in various transportation association newsletters and websites.

Local Assistance

Local assistance is always nearby. The KCC employs a team of Special Investigators (SIs) located in assigned regions throughout the state. The SIs teach at safety seminars, conduct roadside inspections, and provide assistance and answer questions for motor carriers in their area. Investigators are located in Concordia, Colby, Garden City, Hutchinson, Kansas City, Parsons, Lawrence, La Crosse, Paola, Topeka and Wichita. Contact information for each location can be found [here](#).



Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network

The Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network (KTRAN), an online tool launched in 2017, benefits new and veteran drivers. One aspect of the site that is helpful to those entering the business is the Wizard. After answering a series of questions related to their potential operation, the Wizard provides a customized checklist of the laws that apply, required registrations and estimated costs. For those already operating, KTRAN helps keep track of applicable state and federal laws and regulations to maintain compliance.

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Transportation Penalty Orders

with **\$525,950**

in assessed fines.*

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For detailed information on utility regulation, access the KCC Legislative reports at:

<https://kcc.ks.gov/commission-activity/reports-to-the-legislature/2025>

KTRAN - Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network



KTRAN, an online tool launched by the KCC in 2017, benefits the industry and regulators alike. Motor carriers have the ability to view and manage their operating authority, driver waiver and UCR registration 24/7. They also receive messages, emails and timely alerts. Regulators and law enforcement have access to the database to help ensure safety compliance leading to safer roadways for the motoring public.





Kansas continues to be a top performer nationally in UCR compliance

Kansas has been the top performer in Unified Carrier Registrations (UCR) among 41 participating states since the program's inception in 2007. The KCC Transportation Division reports that 99.15% of the state's motor carriers met Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) requirements for 2023. The national average was 94.12%.

The UCR fees collected fund safety education and motor carrier enforcement efforts. Those efforts are paying off. When comparing ten similarly situated Midwest states, Kansas has the third lowest percentage of CMVs and Carriers involved in crashes over the past three years.

Truckers against trafficking

Since 2016, the KCC has partnered with the Attorney General's Office, Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP), Kansas Motor Carriers Association (KMCA) and Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) to provide training in identifying and reporting suspected human trafficking as part of the motor carrier safety seminars. To date, more than 6,000 Kansas motor carrier representatives have received the training. In 2018, Kansas joined a growing number of states that require the one-time training to receive or renew a Commercial Drivers License.

Truckers Against Trafficking
 1-888-373-7888
 www.truckersagainstafficking.com



Safety & Compliance

% Commercial Motor Vehicles Involved in Crashes

	CY2021	CY2022	CY2023
Midwest	8.61	8.25	7.96
Kansas	8.09	7.85	7.09
Iowa	8.25	8.15	7.45
Illinois	10.61	10.21	10.08
Indiana	9.71	9.44	8.95
Michigan	10.46	9.88	9.67
Minnesota	6.77	7.26	6.75
Missouri	9.51	9.16	9.10
Ohio	8.81	7.46	7.95
Wisconsin	8.34	7.71	7.19
Nebraska	5.56	5.42	5.38

Kansas scores high in Unified Carrier Registration compliance

CY2023 Midwest Region

JURISDICTION	REGISTERED CARRIERS	PERCENT COMPLIANT
Nebraska	9,078	95.95%
Missouri	15,172	97.71%
Ohio	25,951	95.86%
Illinois	34,810	97.06%
Indiana	18,690	97.22%
Iowa	11,604	94.50%
Wisconsin	12,437	94.32%
Michigan	14,259	95.85%
Minnesota	15,845	93.69%
Kansas	9,498	99.15%
Nationwide	694,831	94.12%

Source: National Registration System

Roadside Inspections & Out-of Service (OOS) rates

KANSAS INSPECTIONS	FEDERAL	STATE	TOTAL
Driver's Inspections*	87	29,790	29,877
with Driver OOS Violation	0	1,794	1,794
Driver OOS Rate	0	6%	6.02%
Vehicle Inspections**	87	21,178	21,091
with Vehicle OOS Violation	6	3,447	3,453
Vehicle OOS Rate	6.90%	16.34%	16.30%
Hazmat Inspections***	10	2,275	2,285
with Hazmat OOS Violation	0	110	110
Hazmat OOS Rate	0%	4.84%	4.82%

* Driver Inspections were computed based on inspection levels I, II, III and VI.

** Vehicle Inspections were computed based on inspections levels I, II, III and VI.

*** Hazmat Inspections were computed based on inspection levels I, II, III, IV, V, and VI, when HM is present.

Inspections uncover violations that can put both drivers and vehicles out of service until the issue is remedied.



Oil & Gas



The KCC Conservation Division regulates, enforces laws, and supervises activities associated with the exploration and production of oil and natural gas. Conservation staff works to prevent degradation of land and water resources, prevent waste in the production of crude oil and natural gas resources, and protect correlative rights of mineral owners and royalty interest holders. The Conservation Division's main office is located in Wichita, with District Offices in Chanute, Dodge City, Hays and Wichita.

- Regulate oil and natural gas exploration and production.
- Inspect, license and monitor drilling and production operations.
- Oversight of abandoned well plugging and site remediation.



Federal funds accelerate well plugging

The pace of plugging abandoned wells in the state was greatly accelerated when the KCC received a \$25 million Initial Grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). From January 16, 2023, through November 26, 2024, the KCC paid contractors \$25,253,189.30 to plug 2,492 wells. That number included 218 additional wells added to the list using funds raised from selling salvage materials from plugging sites. The map below shows the location of the projects and the number of wells plugged in each location.



Looking ahead, the KCC is eligible to receive an additional grant for \$33.6 million to plug and remediate additional abandoned wells. The KCC will submit an application to the Department of Interior in advance of the December 13, 2024 deadline.

There are two other Federal Well Plugging Grants available at this time that could increase the amount of Federal monies accessible to the KCC to plug abandoned wells. KCC staff is monitoring these grants and any potential changes that may occur to the Federal guidance concerning their administration.



More information about the Federal Plugging Program is available at: <https://www.kcc.ks.gov/oil-gas/federal-plugging-program>

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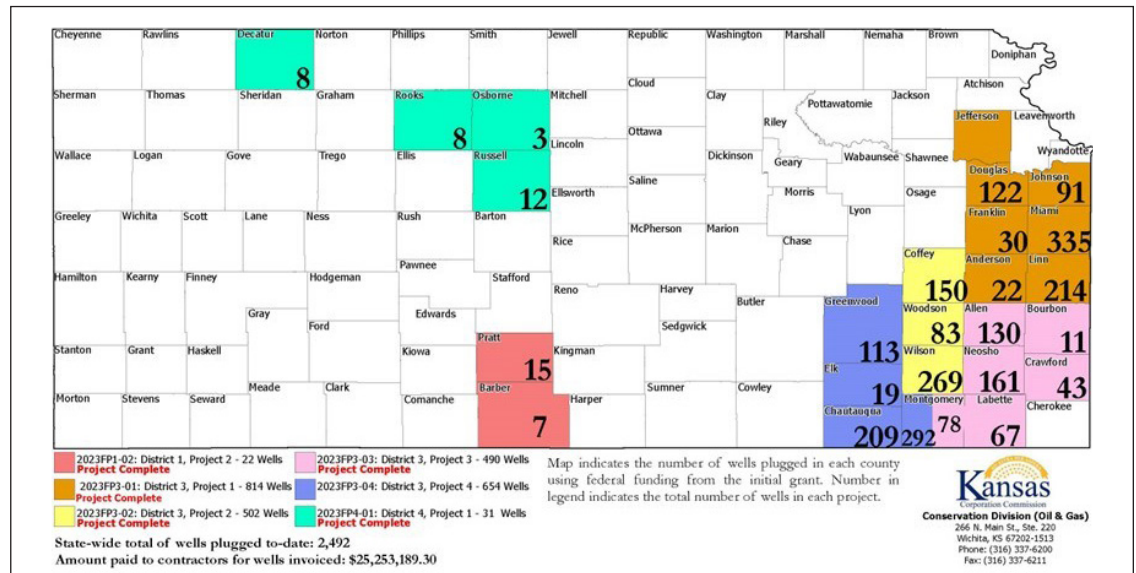
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Conservation Penalty Orders
with \$415,850
in assessed fines.*

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Kansas' Federal Plugging Projects Preview





State plugging fund remains essential

The availability of Federal funds has greatly increased the number abandoned wells being plugged, but it doesn't eliminate the need for the state program, which is supported by the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund. There are still more wells to be plugged than the Federal grants will cover. The plan is to plug as many wells as possible using both Federal and State funds. At the close of 2024, there were 4566 wells requiring action in the Abandoned Well database. The number may increase as staff responds to complaints, new well location techniques are adopted, and companies become insolvent. A well is considered "abandoned" when it has been permanently taken out of production, is not properly plugged to prevent possible air or groundwater pollution, and the rightful legal owner cannot be determined or located to take responsibility.

Abandoned Wells in Kansas

District 1				
Priority One	6			
Priority Two	0			
Total	6			
District 2				
Priority One	105			
Priority Two	2			
Total	107			
District 3				
Priority One	4,102			
Priority Two	290			
Total	4,392			
District 4				
Priority One	61			
Priority Two	0			
Total	61			

	2024**	2025**	Change
Total Wells Requiring Action	5,285	4,566	719
Total Wells Plugged with State Funds*	11,240	11,315	75

* Since creation of the Abandoned Well Plugging funds in 1976. ** Calendar year



Remediation sites prioritized based on risk

The KCC Conservation Division manages an inventory of contamination sites that have varying degrees of impact to groundwater, surface water, soil or wells. These sites have no responsible parties related to oil and gas exploration and production activities. The current evaluation period, January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, ended with no sites resolved or added, resulting in a total of 47 active sites. The 2025 Remediation Site Status report contains a description and evaluation of each site.



Impacted Resources	No. of Remediation Sites	Immediacy Level	No. of Sites
Groundwater, Surface Water, Soil & Well Problems (Cavity, Abandoned)	68	Low & Low to Moderate	20
Public Water Supply	7	Moderate	10
Domestic Supply	19	Moderate to High & High	14
Stock Supply	13	Other (Under Remediation)	3
Irrigation Supply	9	Total	47

Note: Some sites have impacts to multiple resources.

What does it cost?

The cost to plug an abandoned well depends on where it is located. Wells in western Kansas are typically deeper and cost more to plug. In the eastern part of the state, they tend to be shallow.

\$	District 1 - Dodge City	\$14,095.76*
\$	District 2 - Wichita	\$15,205.19*
\$	District 3 - Chanute	\$8,000.06*
\$	District 4 - Hays	\$8,314.67*

* Based on 5-year average

How to report an abandoned well

Oil and gas drilling in Kansas began in the 1860s. Record keeping by early operators was not as precise as it is today. It is not uncommon for older abandoned wells to be discovered by landowners who were unaware they existed.

The KCC is actively looking for abandoned oil and gas wells. Staff investigates these wells in order to determine if they pose a risk to public safety or the environment.

If you find an abandoned well, please report it. A [form](#) on the KCC website makes it easy.

Report an Abandoned Well



Energy Division



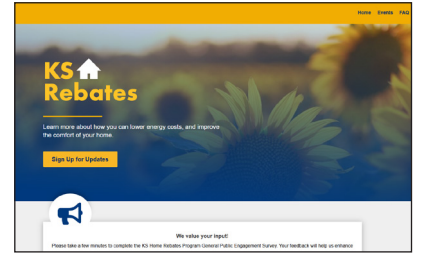
The Kansas Corporation Commission Energy Division continues to encourage energy efficiency, help make small businesses more successful, and provide innovative educational opportunities for K-12 students. The Division is funded through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) State Energy Program (SEP) funds. The KCC has contracted with the Kansas State Engineering Extension since 2016 to provide technical and program implementation support.

- Manages energy grants and rebate programs.
- Energy audit and grant assistance for small business and ag producers.
- Classroom teaching tools and student activities.



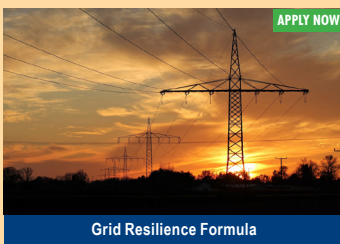
Kansas Home Rebates Program launch planned

The KCC Energy Division is moving closer to launching the Kansas Home Rebates Program to help Kansas households lower energy costs and improve the comfort of their homes. Under the program, established by the Inflation Reduction Act, Kansas is set to receive \$105.6 million to lower energy costs for low to moderate income households.



The Kansas Home Rebates Program is divided into two categories: Home Efficiency Rebate Program (HER) and the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR). More information on each category is available on the Kansas Home Rebates Website: <https://kshomerebates.gov>.

For Kansans to be able to access the rebates, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) must approve the program design and grant applications, which are due by January 31, 2025, but have already been filed with the DOE. Rebate funding is expected to be accessible to Kansas households in 2025 following DOE approval of the KCC's application and plans.



Grid Resilience Formula



Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block



Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Capitalization

Energy Grants available for qualifying projects

Three U.S. Department of Energy sub grants, each with a unique purpose, were awarded to the KCC to assist local governments, small businesses, colleges/ universities, nonprofits and agricultural producers.

- **Grid Resilience** – Eleven small utility grid resilience improvement projects totaling approximately \$17 million were selected for funding during 2024. Resilience project applications are now being accepted for the next fiscal year funding.
- **Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant** – Twenty-two cities were awarded approximately \$1.7 million of federal funding for new energy efficient LED street lighting during 2024. The application period is now closed.
- **Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Capitalization.** Applications for lenders, contractors and local governments, small businesses, colleges and universities, nonprofits and agricultural producers are now open for energy efficiency projects including audits, upgrades, and retrofits through a new revolving loan fund.

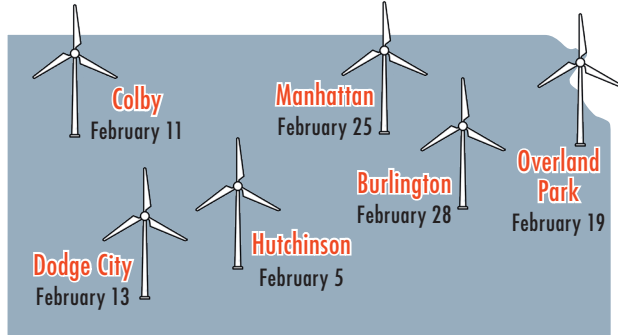
Click on the images above for more information or visit <https://www.kcc.ks.gov/kansas-energy-office/grant-opportunities>.



KidWind momentum continues

Participation in the Kansas KidWind Challenge remains strong with no signs of slowing down. Last year, 312 students from 84 schools participated in the 2024 Challenge and slots for this year's six regional events are filling up quickly.

To participate in the KidWind Challenge, students in grades 4-12 form teams and work together to design, build and test a wind turbine using the materials of their choice. Each team's turbine is put to the test in a wind tunnel. Scoring is based on turbine performance, a knowledge quiz, a presentation to judges where the team explains its design process, and an instant challenge. More information and registration links for the 2025 event are available on the KCC website.

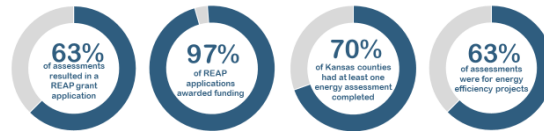


Free energy assessments lead to savings

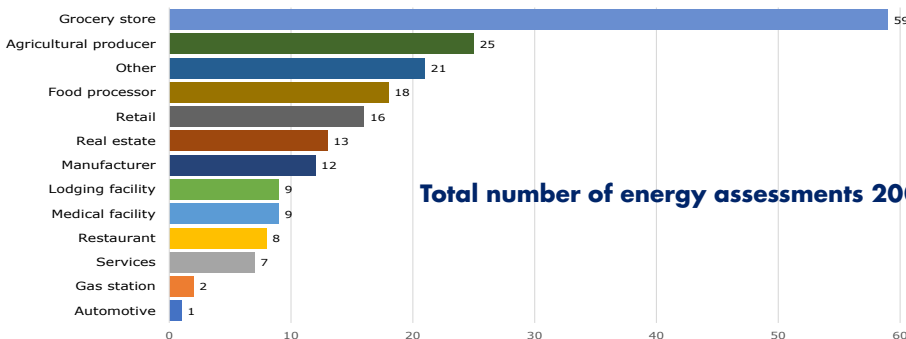
Small business owners and agricultural producers located in areas with a population of less than 50,000 are eligible for no cost energy audits, renewable energy site assessments and assistance applying for federal programs such as Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grants to help fund the recommended energy saving improvements.

Energy Assessment Highlights

- 200 energy assessments/technical reports
- 125 REAP grant applications
- Average REAP grant reimbursement: \$47,491
- Assessments/applications completed in 73 counties and 124 communities



Energy Assessments by Industry



KANSAS KidWind Challenge 2024 STATE WINNERS

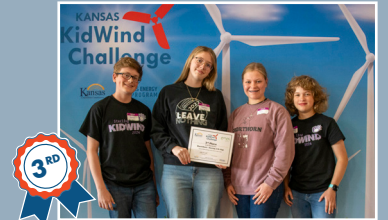
Grades 4-8 Winners:



Hutch STEMBlue | Allen STEM Magnet School (USD 308)



Beloit Breeze Club | Beloit Jr/Sr High School (USD 273)



Black Bears | Sterling Jr/Sr High School (USD 376)

Grades 9-12 Winners:



W² Oakley High School (USD 274)



Burlington Wind Co. BLKT | Burlington High School (USD 244)



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Public Affairs & Consumer Protection



The KCC Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP) supports the core mission of the agency by educating and protecting the general public on regulatory issues. PACP staff assists Kansas utility customers when they have questions or need help in resolving a service or billing issue with a regulated utility. In addition, the staff provides information about assistance programs and encourages community involvement and input through public hearings and comment sessions on matters important to Kansans.

FY2024
2033
Complaints
\$136,650.07
in disputed charges
returned to customers



3924
Public
Comments
recorded



Community outreach plays an important role

Public input is an important part of the regulatory process. PACP plans and promotes public hearings and comment periods on issues important to Kansas ratepayers, giving them a forum to share their opinions and get more information. In FY2024, six public hearings were held in various locations throughout the state. Rate change requests from utilities are the most common matters discussed at public hearings. However, public meetings are also held on some types of transmission line siting projects.



Kansas Gas Service customers attended a public hearing on June 13 to learn more about the company's rate increase application and express their opinions on the matter to the Commission.

Public Hearings may be held in-person, virtually (offering members of the public an opportunity to be an active participant from home) or a combination offering both options. For those that prefer to watch without participating, livestreaming and recordings are available for online viewing on the KCC YouTube channel.

In addition to public hearings, the Commission offers many convenient ways for the Kansans to submit a public comment on rate cases and other dockets with comment periods – online, email, via letter or a phone call to the Public Affairs office. In FY2024, PACP documented 3924 public comments related to Commission dockets.

Identifying needs and making referrals

PACP staff is instrumental in making Kansans aware of programs and services available to help them. Explaining the protections offered by the Cold Weather Rule, phone and internet discounts offered by the Lifeline program, and making referrals to public assistance agencies are just a few examples.

Stay Warm. Stay Connected.

Cold Weather Rule
November 1 – March 31

The Cold Weather Rule is designed to keep your utilities connected during the winter months, even when you're unable to pay your bill in full. Contact your utility company to see if you qualify to make payment arrangements under the Cold Weather Rule.



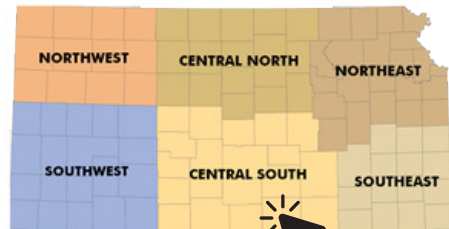
Lifeline

Lifeline connects eligible low-income families and individuals to the services they need to live, learn, work and participate fully in their communities. Federal and state discounts of up to **\$17.02** per month on phone or internet services are available.

Eligible Services
Residential phone service | Wireless phone service | Broadband internet



We're here to help!
Utility Assistance Programs



Check our state-wide resource guide for organizations in your area that offer financial assistance with utility bills or upgrading your home to be more energy efficient.



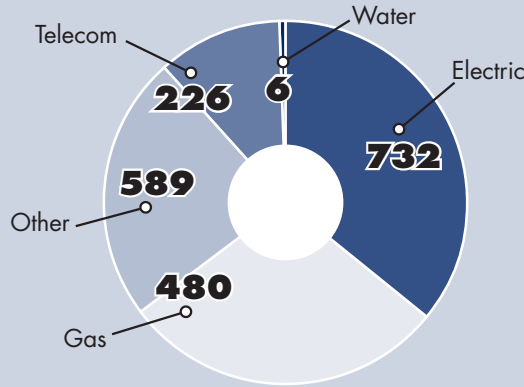
Advocating for Kansas Customers

Consumers from all parts of the state turn to the KCC for help with utility issues. Our Public Affairs staff answers consumer questions, investigates complaints, and works to reduce the amount of time it takes to resolve disputes between the customer and the utility. Nearly 80% of complaints worked are resolved in one day.

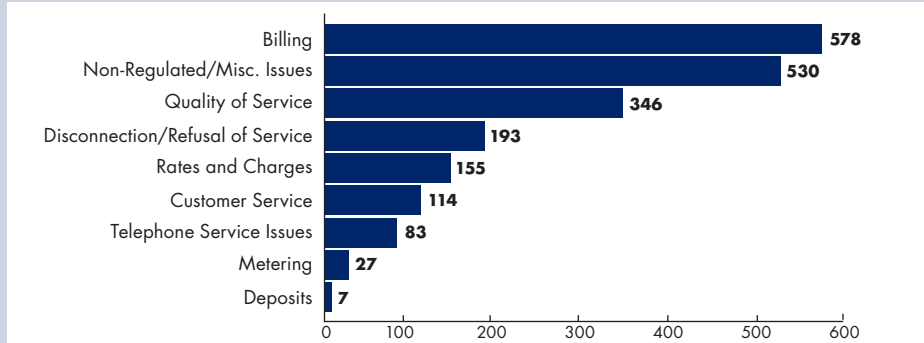
Utility Complaints by Industry

received by the Commission's Public Affairs and Consumer Protections Staff in FY2024.

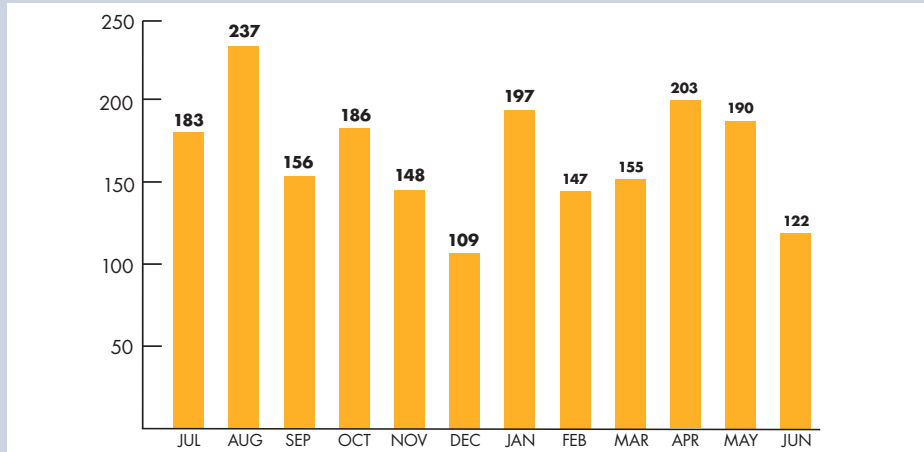
Total Complaints
2,033



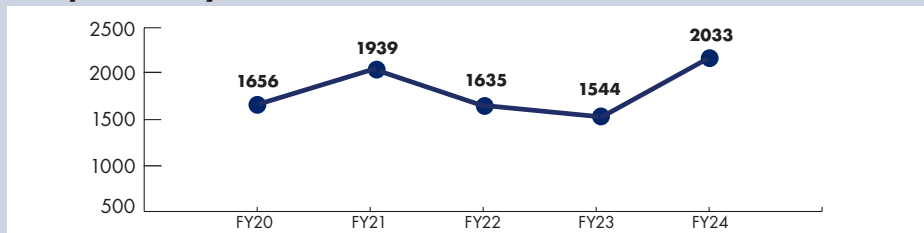
Complaint Categories



FY2024 Complaints by Month



Complaint - 5 year Trends



Need assistance? We're here to help.

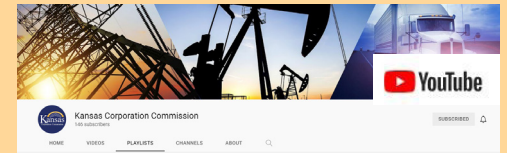
- Utility Assistance Programs**
- Consumer Information**
- File a Complaint**



For more information contact PACP at:
800-662-0027 or 785-271-3140
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Topeka, KS 66604

kcc.publicaffairs@ks.gov

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View live or later on YouTube

- Commission Business Meetings**
386 videos
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55 videos
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19 videos
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22 videos
- Energy Education**
9 videos

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