Kansas Corporation Commission Utilities Division
Rules of Practice and Procedure and Guidance Documents
Utilities Division hearing procedures
Review of Utilities Division guidance documents
Utilities Division informal procedures – mediation etc.
Formal complaints

Utilities Division Jurisdiction, Authority and Options for Approval of Generation Facilities
Jurisdiction over generation and transmission facilities
Jurisdiction over service areas
Approval options for generation facilities
Issues outside PRB jurisdiction – rates, disconnects, meters etc.

Current Issues in Renewable Energy Development
New era of siting
Changes to tax policy
Transmission development
Solar, storage, or a tri-generational mix
Wind, solar, and storage

State Endangered and Threatened Species Review:
When and How
Kansas’s state-listed endangered and threatened species
Kansas’s Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act (NESCA)
When and how NESCA applies
Conservation and environmental review

Understanding Utility Easements and Rights of Way
Types of utility easements
Creation and definition of the easement
- Structure of common utility easements
- Regulatory approval process
Eminent domain and condemnation law
- Just compensation
Current law on utility rights-of-way
- Federal and state laws and regulations
- Utility accommodation in existing rights-of-way
Utility easements over time
- Encroachments and interference
- Modification and expansion
- Maintenance
Current issues involving utility easements

Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:
Understand Utilities Division hearing procedures, and informal procedures including mediation.

Explain Utilities Division jurisdiction over generation and transmission facilities and approval options for generation facilities.

Understand changes to renewable energy facility siting and tax policy.

Recognize when and how Kansas’s Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act (NESCA) applies to development.

Discuss types of utility easements, and review current law on utility rights-of-way.

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