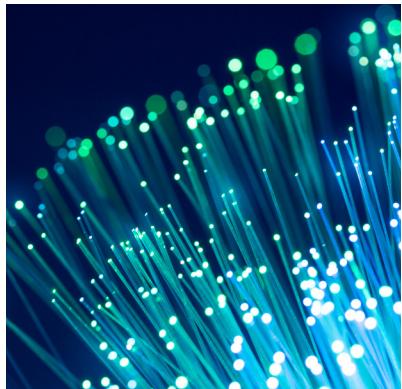
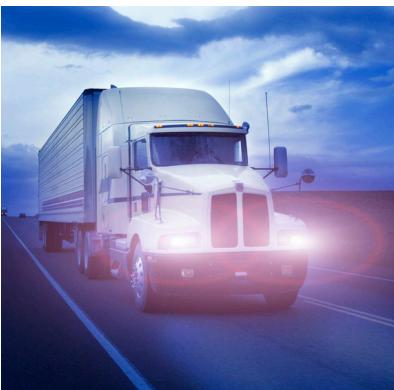




# FY 2025

## 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.

## FY2025

Business Meetings **93**

Evidentiary Hearings **9**

Public Hearings **5**

**2,813**

Total orders issued by the Commission in FY2025.



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:

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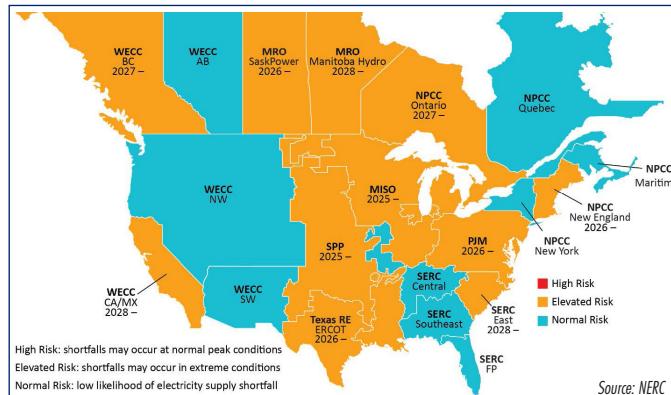
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<https://kcc.ks.gov/commission-activity-reports-to-the-legislature/2026>

## Resource Planning remains a top priority

A 2025-2029 Risk Area Summary from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation shows Kansas within an area of elevated risk noting that while it meets resource adequacy criteria, energy shortfalls may occur in extreme conditions.

Looking forward 10 years, NERC finds that most of the North American Bulk Power System faces mounting resource adequacy challenges as surging demand growth continues and thermal generators announce plans for retirement. The trends point to critical reliability challenges facing the industry: satisfying escalating energy growth, managing generator retirements, and accelerating resource and transmission development.



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. The KCC actively engages with the SPP stakeholder process to influence sound resource adequacy policy and ensure our local utilities are effectively planning to meet their obligations. Planning to ensure resource adequacy is a critical area of focus for the KCC, the SPP, and FERC.

## New Planning Reserve Margins to take effect

Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Regional State Committee and Board of Directors were given approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to increase the planning reserve margins (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.

The new PRMs take effect beginning in the summer 2026 and winter 2026/2027. The Summer PRM will increase from 15% to 16% in 2026. For the first time, the region will have a Winter PRM of 36% in 2026/2027. The PRMs will rise again in summer 2029 to 17% and to 38% for winter 2029/2030.

Summer Season	PRM %	Winter Season	PRM %
2026	16	2026/2027	36
2027	16	2027/2028	36
2028	16	2028/2029	36
2029	17	2029/2030	38



## SPP report addresses reliability challenges



In FY 2025, the Southwest Power Pool published a white paper addressing the reliability challenges facing the region entitled "Our Generational Challenge".

The publication states energy demand in SPP could be 25% higher by 2030, noting that the world is increasingly becoming electrified, and demand is rapidly rising across the country. Data centers, crypto mining, oil and gas production, and electric cars are noted as large users.

When it comes to supply, the publication notes excess generating capacity in SPP is shrinking to dangerously low levels as coal and gas generators are being retired and replaced by renewable energy which is cleaner and lower cost but challenging due to its variability. Significant new sources of transmission and generation are needed which are costly and take years to complete.

The complete report is available at: [Our Generational Challenge](#).



## Process approved to bring power online faster

In order to allow utilities the opportunity to bring generation online faster to meet the increasing reliability requirements, SPP conceived the Expedited Resource Adequacy Study (ERAS) process, which was approved by FERC in July 2025. This allowed a utility to bypass the Generator Interconnection queue process and connect to the transmission grid faster if the utility could show that it was necessary to meet the higher 2029 PRM requirements.



- 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

The Commission supports a shared goal of improving the regional competitiveness of Kansas' electric rates over time, where our legal authority allows. While the State has made great progress in improving regional rate competitiveness in the last six years, the Commission will continue to look for ways to make Kansas' electric rates more competitive, while ensuring that Kansans continue to have 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 the State's regional rate competitiveness during the Legislative Session if requested. Some highlights from this year's report are as follows:

- Over the last six years, Kansas electricity rates increased in total by 4.56%, which ranks No. 47 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 (23.30%), Texas (15.45%), Minnesota (19.06%), Colorado (20.42%), Oklahoma (12.32%), Missouri (11.41%), Iowa (4.7%), and South Dakota (9.00%). Kansas electric rates grew faster than North Dakota (-11.03%).
- In 2024, average electricity rates in Kansas increased 3.76% compared to 2023. This ranks 18th out of 50 states, with No. 1 being the fastest increase in prices.
- In 2024, Kansas electricity rates were 13.38% lower than the national average of 22.88% (compared to 1.8% higher than national average in 2018).
- Kansas electricity rates have improved from 15th highest in the country in 2018 to 28th highest in 2024.

### Residential Electric Bill Comparison | July 2024 to June 2025

	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 Avg. Bill	Utility Bill as a % of Kansas Wt. Avg. Bill	Number of Residential Customers
Investor-Owned	Empire	\$14.25	\$55.61	\$21.10	\$5.09	\$-	\$22.70	\$1.64	\$-	\$120.39	\$0.135	80.68%	90.01%	8,341
	Evergy Metro	\$14.25	\$75.51	\$19.32	\$-	\$-	\$8.98	\$1.49	\$-	\$119.55	\$0.135	80.11%	89.38%	244,556
	Evergy Central	\$15.25	\$81.19	\$19.81	\$-	\$1.54	\$20.96	\$0.55	\$-	\$139.30	\$0.157	93.34%	104.14%	644,314
* Average retail price of electricity monthly (FY2025)										KS Weighted Average Bill***	\$133.76	\$0.151	89.63%	
** Utility Average ECA for the July 2024 through June 2025 period										National Average Bill*	\$149.23	\$0.168		
*** Weighted by customers using 2025 Annual Report data and EIA Annual Report data														



## New generation planned to meet growing energy needs in Kansas

Ensuring adequate power to serve Kansas customers is a top priority for the Commission and its staff. Several current risk factors 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 filed a predetermination application in November 2024 requesting to recover costs for three new generation facilities - two 710 MW combined cycle natural gas plants and a solar facility. In July 2025, the Commission approved the request. The gas plants will be constructed in Reno County (McNew Plant) and Sumner County (Viola Plant). The solar facility (Kansas Sky) will be located in Douglas County. Evergy Kansas Central and Evergy Missouri West each have 50% ownership of the gas plants. Kansas Sky is owned 100% by Evergy Kansas Central.

## SPP approves \$8.5 billion in new transmission

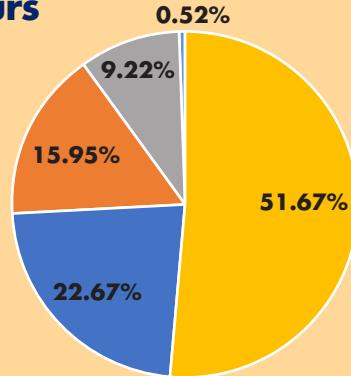
The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) continues to approve new transmission facilities to serve expected load growth in the region, maintain reliability of the transmission system and improve the affordability of wholesale power through the SPP Integrated Marketplace.

As part of its 2025 Integrated Transmission Planning (ITP) process, SPP originally proposed a \$18.1 billion portfolio of transmission projects to be constructed over the next 10 years. Ultimately \$8.5 billion in new transmission was approved with \$9.6 billion deferred for further study.

KCC Staff and Kansas utilities, were extensively involved in the SPP stakeholder process leading up to the finalization of the 2025 ITP portfolio. The principal concerns of KCC Staff were the affordability and the benefits of the projects to Kansas customers. At the state level, the KCC will issue an order in May on the route of the Buffalo Flats to Delaware transmission line approved in the 2024 ITP. Evergy filed an application with the Commission in November 2025 requesting a siting permit for the approximately 133-mile 345 kV transmission line that crosses four Kansas counties (Sedgwick, Sumner, Cowley, and Chautauqua). Public hearings were held on January 7 and January 8. A comment period is open through January 23.



## Kansas Electric Generation Sources by Total Megawatt hours



Source: U.S. Department of Energy, The Energy Information Administration (EIA), 2024 Final Data, EIA-923

## Resource Adequacy Workshop Series

The Commission has been actively engaged in issues surrounding resource adequacy and continues to offer workshops to inform and educate Kansans on the subject. During FY2025, the KCC held two additional workshops (for a total of five) to explore these issues in a public setting. During the workshops, industry experts present their views and answer questions from the Commissioners and Commission Staff. A link to the workshop series can be found here: <https://www.kcc.ks.gov/resource-adequacy-work-study-series>

## Wildfire Risk and Utility Readiness

House Bill 2107, passed by the 2025 Kansas Legislature, addresses the issue of wildfires and potential claims against electric utilities. As directed in the bill, the KCC will hold an educational workshop on the subject prior to July 31, 2026. Topics will include general wildfire risks in Kansas, utility readiness to mitigate the risks, mitigation strategies and approaches, and cost recovery treatment for wildfire mitigation costs. The bill also gives the KCC authority to open a general investigation or hold additional workshops on the subject if necessary.



FY2025

**23**

Pipeline Safety Penalty Orders  
with **\$137,250**  
in assessed fines.\*

\*Fines are payable to state general fund.  
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## On-Site inspections increase compliance, safety

Pipeline safety personnel continue to conduct on-site 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 2024, the Commission acted upon 72 filings in which fines were levied to 14 excavators for failure to notify utilities prior to excavating over buried facilities. Fines were also levied to 8 utility operators for failure to provide timely or accurate locates. For the 72 cases, a total of \$78,500 in fines was levied. Kansas experienced no natural gas incident in CY 2024.

## Underground Damage Prevention Statistics for CY2024

Location	Total Gas Damage Incidents	Gas Damages Investigated	Gas Locates Requested	Damages Per 1000 Locates
Johnson County	<b>179</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>140,925</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Sedgwick County	<b>103</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>146,803</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Remaining State	<b>94</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>357,847</b>	<b>2.3</b>

## 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 29th 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, 2025, the current KUSF funding requirement is \$36.2 million. The carrier assessment rate is 12.15%.



### How are KUSF dollars used? \*

Enhancements/upgrades in rural areas	<b>\$35 million</b>
Lifeline Program	<b>\$109,700</b>
Kansas Relay 711	<b>\$230,100</b>
Telecommunications equipment program	<b>\$287,100</b>
Fund administration/carrier audits	<b>\$570,871</b>

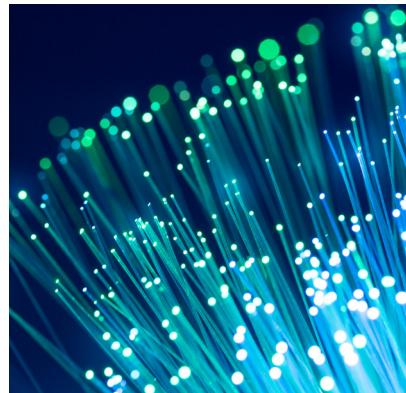
\* Annual budget effective March 1, 2025

## 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.

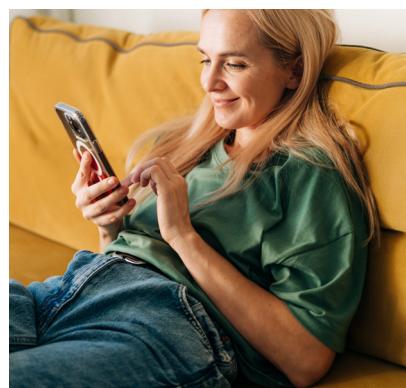
Currently, nearly 8.6 million Americans, including 19,500 in Kansas, are enrolled in the program. More information on income eligibility, participating providers, and the enrollment process is available on the [KCC's website](#).



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Telecom Penalty Orders or Fines were assessed.





## Transportation



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



FY2025  
**135**  
 Transportation Penalty Orders  
 with **\$170,700**  
 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/  
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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.

## Education and regulation are key to safer roads

On average, 965 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 Garden City, Hutchinson, Kansas City, Lawrence, Paola, Parsons, Topeka and Wichita. Contact information for each location can be found [here](#).



### KTRAN Wizard

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.

## 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 safety and UCR compliance

Kansas has been the top performer in United Carrier Registrations (UCR) among 41 participating states since the program's inception in 2007. The KCC Transportation Division reports that 98.45% of the state's motor carriers met Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) requirements for 2024. The national average was 92.09%.

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.



## Safety & Compliance

**Kansas scores high in Unified Carrier Registration compliance**  
CY2024 Midwest Region

JURISDICTION	REGISTERED CARRIERS	PERCENT COMPLIANT
Nebraska	8,029	94.84%
Missouri	13,201	96.11%
Ohio	22,516	93.01%
Illinois	31,675	94.66%
Indiana	17,130	94.99%
Iowa	10,398	93.37%
Wisconsin	10,907	93.24%
Michigan	12,526	94.78%
Minnesota	14,235	92.29%
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>8,299</b>	<b>98.50%</b>
Nationwide	576,450	92.09%

*Source: National Registration System*

## % Commercial Motor Vehicles Involved in Crashes

	CY2022	CY2023	CY2024
Midwest	8.25	7.96	4.73
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>7.85</b>	<b>7.08</b>	<b>4.19</b>
Iowa	8.15	7.45	4.10
Illinois	10.21	10.08	8.08
Indiana	9.44	8.95	4.77
Michigan	9.88	9.67	3.36
Minnesota	7.26	6.75	2.12
Missouri	9.16	9.10	6.65
Ohio	7.46	7.95	5.95
Wisconsin	7.71	7.19	5.95
Nebraska	5.42	5.38	2.14

## Roadside Inspections & Out-of-Service (OOS) rates

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

KANSAS INSPECTIONS	FEDERAL	STATE	TOTAL
Driver's Inspections*	120	36,481	36,601
with Driver OOS Violation	0	2,124	2,124
Driver OOS Rate	0%	5.82%	5.80%
Vehicle Inspections**	124	25,821	25,945
with Vehicle OOS Violation	12	4,083	4,095
Vehicle OOS Rate	9.68%	15.81%	15.78%
Hazmat Inspections***	22	2,722	2,744
with Hazmat OOS Violation	1	136	137
Hazmat OOS Rate	4.5%	5.0%	4.99%

\* 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.



# 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.



FY2025

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## Conservation Penalty Orders

with **\$325,100**  
in assessed fines.\*

*\*Fines are payable to state general fund.  
The KCC receives no funding from the state general fund.*

## More wells will be plugged with federal funds

In 2026, there is an opportunity to plug and remediate thousands of abandoned wells. The KCC applied for and received a \$33.6 million Formula Grant under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The KCC's Conservation Division has already identified 2,330 abandoned wells across the state and grouped them into 21 projects as shown in the map below. At the time of this report, the projects have been submitted to the Department of Administration, but had not yet been put out to bid.

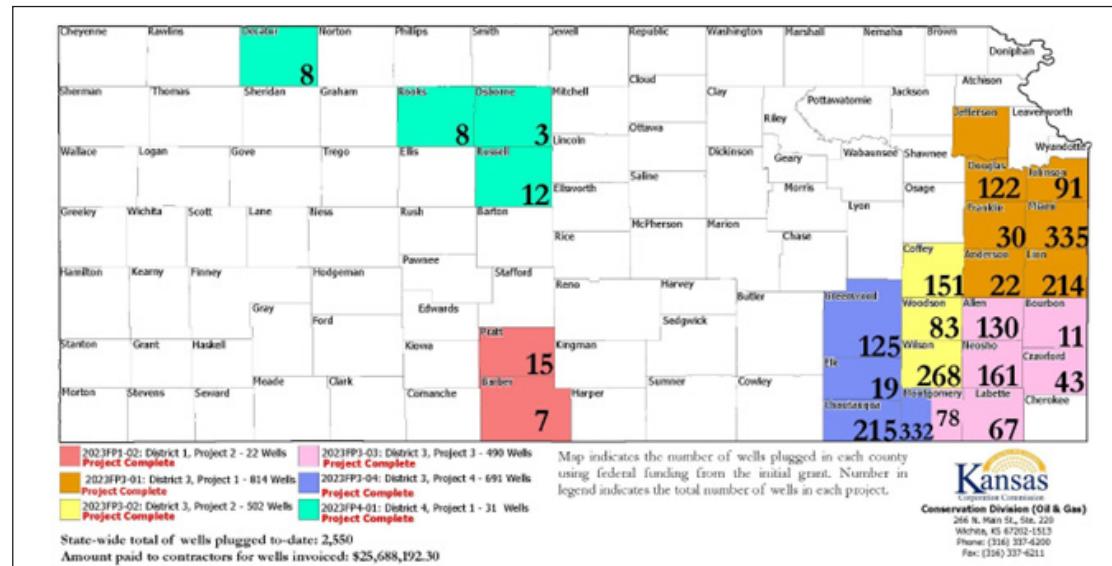
This is the second Federal IIJA grant for well plugging the state has received. In 2023, Kansas was awarded a \$25 million Initial Grant to plug abandoned wells. The grant, plus the sale of salvageable materials associated with the plugging jobs, paid for the plugging of 2300 abandoned wells between January 2023 and June 2025.

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>



## Potential Federal Formula Grant Projects





## 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 2025, 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		District 2		District 3		District 4	
Priority One	6	Priority One	105	Priority One	4,120	Priority One	61
Priority Two	0	Priority Two	2	Priority Two	290	Priority Two	0
Total	6	Total	107	Total	4,392	Total	61



# 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.



## Energy grants benefit Kansas communities

### Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant



Inefficient street lighting and traffic lights in seventeen small Kansas communities are being replaced with new energy efficient LEDs. The upgrades are expected to lower energy, operational, and maintenance costs. Ten of the projects are now complete with the remaining eight scheduled for completion in mid-2026.

The work was funded by a \$1.9 million Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant awarded to the Kansas Corporation Commission's Energy Division by the U.S. Department of Energy. All of the funds have been awarded.

### Grid Resilience



To date, twenty-two grants have been awarded to Kansas communities to improve the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events such as extreme weather, wildfire or natural disaster. The KCC Energy Division received two rounds of funding from the U.S. Department of Energy totaling \$22.5 million.

The primary goals of the program are to demonstrate measurable improvements in energy resilience, with a focus on supporting grid modernization investments in rural, underserved and disadvantaged communities. During 2025, work was started on eleven of the projects awarded in the first round of funding.

### Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Capitalization



The Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Capitalization grant, totaling \$6,706,230, will provide loans and grants for energy efficiency audits, upgrades, and retrofits to increase energy efficiency and improve the comfort of buildings. No matching funds are required. The application period is currently open.

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

### Grant Recipients

#### Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

City of Ashland  
City of Blue Mound  
City of Bronson  
City of Cawker  
City of Coffeyville  
City of Dighton  
City of Ellinwood  
City of Girard  
City of Herington  
City of Hillsboro  
City of Hoisington  
City of Holton  
City of Mankato  
City of Pratt  
City of Russell  
City of Wellington  
Wabaunsee County

#### Grid Resilience Formula Grant

**Round 1**  
Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative  
City of Anthony  
City of Atтика  
City of Blue Mound  
City of Garden City  
City of Holton  
City of Horton  
City of Pratt  
Heartland Rural Electric Coop  
Pioneer Electric Coop  
Victory Electric Coop

**Round 2**  
Bluestem Electric Coop  
City of Bronson  
Brown Atchison Electric Coop  
City of Cawker  
Doniphan Electric Coop Assn  
Flint Hills Electric Coop  
City of Glen Elder  
City of Jetmore  
City of Savonburg  
Sumner Cowley Electric Coop  
Wheatland Cooperative

## Kansas Home Rebate Program awaiting federal approval

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced last year that Kansas could receive \$105.6 million dollars to lower energy costs for low to moderate income households under a program established by the Inflation Reduction Act.

To access the rebate funding, the KCC Energy Division submitted the required application to DOE and is now awaiting approval. Once the KCC is notified of approval and funds for the program are transferred, an application portal will be available for Kansans to apply for home energy rebates.

**KS** **Rebates**





## KidWind teams earn accolades near and far

Kansas KidWind teams earned awards and recognition on a regional, state and international level in 2025. Eighty teams from 41 Kansas schools participated last year and momentum is growing. For 2026, that number has grown to 104 teams from 42 schools.

Teams work together to design, build and test a wind turbine which 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. Regional winners advance to the state competition. State winners qualify for KidWind World.

KidWind isn't just about wind energy. Participants also learn life skills – problem solving, teamwork, communication and presentation skills, to name a few.

### 2025 WORLD KIDWIND CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS



WINders | Nemaha Central MS



The Mavericks | Oakley HS

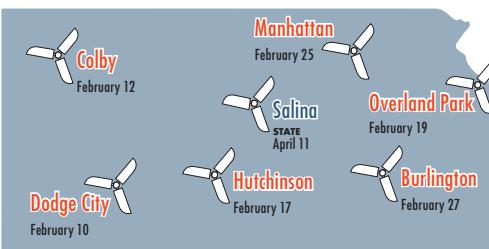


Wind Whispers | Oakley MS



The Twisty Tornadoes | Logan MS

*Coming soon!*  
KANSAS  
**KidWind  
Challenge**  
**2026**



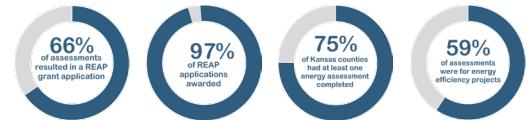
For detailed information  
on Kansas KidWind:  
[https://www.kcc.ks.gov/  
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## Free energy assessments lead to savings

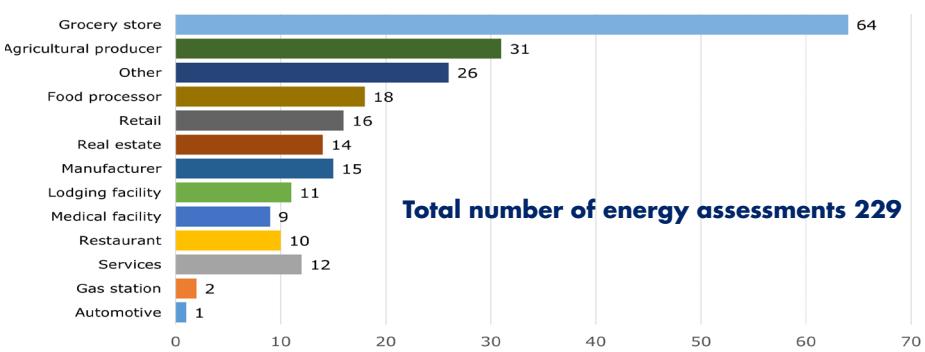
Small business owners and agricultural producers located in areas with a population of less than 50,000 are eligible for no cost energy audits, renewable energy site assessments and assistance applying for federal programs such as Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grants to help fund the recommended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

### Energy Assessment Highlights

- 229 energy assessments/technical reports
- 150 REAP grant applications
- Average REAP grant reimbursement: \$47,491 (FY25 applications are pending)
- Assessments/applications completed in 79 counties & 135 communities



### Energy Assessments by Industry



## 2025 STATE FIRST PLACE WINNERS

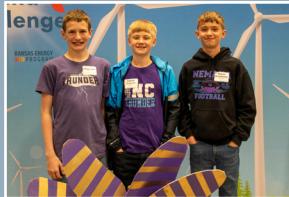
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### KidWind Generator Division Grades 4-5



RCHC Oak Leaf Engineers | Reno Co. Homeschool Connection

### KidWind Generator Division Grades 6-8



WINDers | Nemaha Central MS

### Homebuilt Generator Division Grades 6-8



Wind Warriors | Kepley MS

### KidWind Generator Division Grades 9-12



Cru Winds | Buhler HS

### Homebuilt Generator Division Grades 9-12

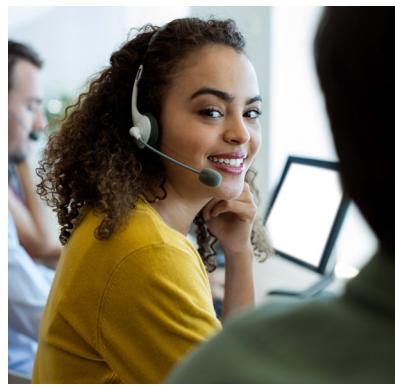


Burlington Wind Company: Wind Wizards | Burlington HS

### Open Generator Division Grades 9-12



The Mavericks | Oakley HS



## 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.

FY2025

**1585**  
Complaints

**\$130,167.67**

in disputed charges  
returned to customers



**2013**  
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 and landowners, giving them a forum to share their opinions, ask questions and get additional information. In FY2025, five 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.



Every customer came to the KCC's public hearing prepared with questions and comments regarding the company's rate increase request. The public hearing, held on June 16 in Topeka, was the second hearing related to the rate case. The first public hearing was held in Wichita on June 11.

The Commission strives to make participation in public hearings accessible to as many Kansans as possible by offering events in-person, virtually (providing an opportunity to be an active participant from home) or a combination of both. 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 FY2025, PACP documented 2013 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.



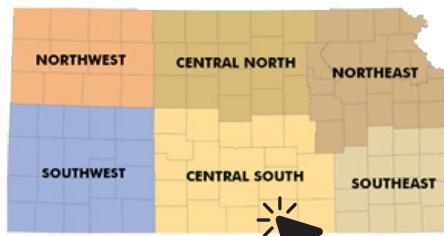
#### Lifeline

Lifeline connects eligible low-income families and individuals to the services they need to live, learn and participate fully in their community. 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.



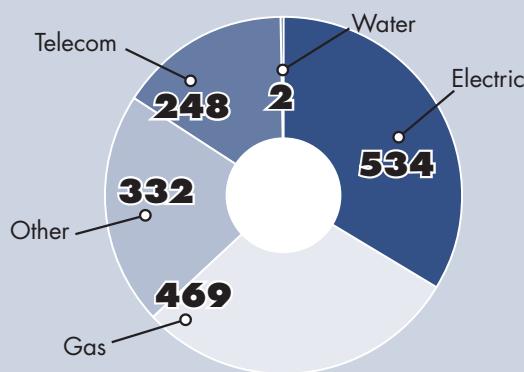
## Advocating for Kansas customers

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. In FY2025, 66% worked were resolved in one day.

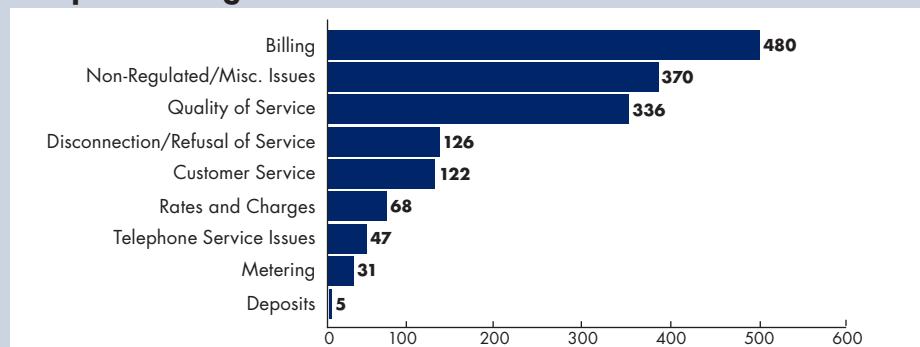
### Utility Complaints by Industry

received by the Commission's Public Affairs and Consumer Protection Staff in FY2025.

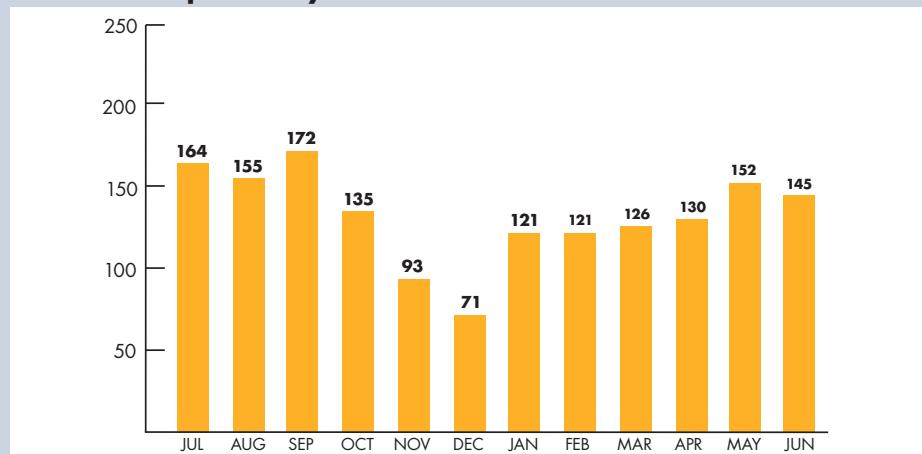
**Total Complaints**  
**1,585**



### Complaint Categories



### FY2025 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**  
**1500 SW Arrowhead Road**  
**Topeka, KS 66604**

[kcc.public.affairs@ks.gov](mailto:kcc.public.affairs@ks.gov)

## Commission Events



**View live or later on YouTube**



**Commission Business Meetings**



**Evidentiary Hearings**



**Public Hearings**



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