

**TENTATIVE
AGENDA***

KANSAS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, September 22

Conference Call

2:00 p.m. Welcome

Approval of Minutes of 6/16/15

Expenditure Reports: FY 2015 Final and FY 2016 through 8/31/15

Consideration and Approval of FY 2017 - FY 2018 Budget Request

Consideration of Travel Approval Policy

Southwest Power Pool Upcoming Meetings

Adjourn

To join the conference call dial **1-877-278-8686, PIN 758044**.
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KETA Financial Report

As of June 30, 2015

Revenue	
Fund Balance 6/30/14	\$ 143,914
Appropriation for FY 2015	100,000
Total Budget	\$ 243,914
Expenditures	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,764
Travel & Subsistence	3,671
Miscellaneous Expenses	93
Contractual Services	
Stevens & Brand, LLP	60
Kansas Legislative Research Dept.	12,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,588
Encumbrances	
<i>Contractual Services</i>	
<i>Stevens & Brand, LLP</i>	\$ 23,598
<i>Kansas Legislative Research Dept.</i>	-
Total Encumbrances	\$ 23,598
FY 2015 Year End Balance	\$ 202,728

Data Source: Kansas Corporation Commission

KETA Financial Report

As of August 31, 2015

Revenue	
Fund Balance 6/30/15	\$ 226,327
Appropriation for FY 2016	75,000
Total Budget	\$ 301,327
Expenditures	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 582
Travel & Subsistence	948
Miscellaneous Expenses	30
Contractual Services	
Stevens & Brand, LLP	-
Kansas Legislative Research Dept.	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,560
Encumbrances	
<i>Contractual Services</i>	
<i>Stevens & Brand, LLP</i>	\$ 23,598
<i>Kansas Legislative Research Dept.</i>	12,000
Total Encumbrances	\$ 35,598
FY 2016 as of 8/31/15	\$ 264,169

Data Source: Kansas Corporation Commission

Budget Request, FY 2017 – FY 2018

A copy of last year's budget request, for FY 2016 – FY 2017, is attached for your information. Staff anticipate submitting an updated version of this letter for FY 2017 – FY 2018 which will incorporate the decisions you make at the September 22, 2015 meeting.

Historically KETA has requested and received an appropriation of \$100,000 annually. Last year the Board voted to reduce the request to \$75,000.

During FY 2014 the KETA Board voted to return \$200,000 of its accrued balance to the Public Service Regulation Fund.

**KS Electric
Transmission Authority
KETA**

December 8, 2014

*Earnie Lehman,
Chairman*

*Representative
Dennis Hedke,
Vice-Chairman*

*Tim McKee,
Secretary*

Les Evans

*Senator Marci
Francisco*

*Representative
Annie Kuether*

The Honorable Sam Brownback
Governor of Kansas
2nd Floor, Statehouse
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Governor Brownback:

The Board of the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA) requests that you include in your budgets for FY 2016 and FY 2017 annual appropriations of \$75,000 to support KETA's efforts on behalf of the State. KETA is cognizant of the financial challenges facing Kansas and these requests accordingly reflect a reduction of \$25,000 each year from the amount KETA has annually requested and been appropriated in the past.

The Kansas Electric Transmission Authority Act, specifically K.S.A. 74-99d13, provides that any appropriation or transfer of State General Fund money to the Authority is to be considered a loan to be repaid within ten years from KETA revenue. However each year, the Division of the Budget has recommended, and the Governor has endorsed, funding KETA from the Kansas Corporation Commission's (KCC) Public Service Regulation Fund, rather than through a loan from the State General Fund.

As you know, KETA has operated since its creation in 2005 in a very frugal manner. The Board's efforts to identify electric transmission needs of Kansas have been supported by the Public Service Regulation Fund and staff of the Legislative Research Department, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, and the KCC. KETA has found it cost-effective to contract for legal services when needed to augment the support provided by state agencies, and to contract for administrative services. Meeting space has been provided by the KCC or in the Statehouse at no cost to the Board. In FY 2014, KETA returned \$200,000 of its accrued balance to the Public Service Regulation Fund.

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The investment in KETA has provided tangible benefits to all Kansans. Within a year of its formation, KETA sparked competing proposals to build the Wichita-Reno-Summit 345 kV transmission line, which Westar completed in 2012. In 2007 KETA worked with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) to evaluate new transmission lines from Spearville to Wichita or Hutchinson and from Spearville through Hays to Axtell, Nebraska. Two major projects resulted: the KETA line from Spearville to Axtell, Nebraska, which was placed in service in December 2012; and a project originally known as the "V" Plan, a double circuit 345 kV transmission line from Spearville to Medicine Lodge to Wichita and south from Medicine Lodge to the Oklahoma border which will be completed by December 31, 2014. In 2011, KETA and several partners contracted with SPP for a study of the anticipated benefit of four potential transmission projects in Kansas. One of those routes (Elm Creek to Summit) was selected by SPP for funding and is being jointly constructed by two Kansas utilities, Westar Energy and ITC Great Plains. It is scheduled for completion by the end of 2016. KETA has been successful in direct advocacy with the SPP for regional cost sharing of transmission improvements that benefit the region. A disproportionate amount of these regional projects are within Kansas.

Legislation enacted in FY 2014 expanded the size of the Board from seven members to nine members effective July 1, 2014, and authorized creation of an electric transmission advisory council which will assist the Board in its mission to further ensure planning and reliable operation of the electric transmission system and diversify and expand the Kansas economy.

The attached summary of our plan for expenditure of the requested funds to support KETA's operations for the upcoming fiscal year demonstrates to you the Board's priorities. Your support for our request will express Kansas' commitment to creating the infrastructure necessary to support economic growth well into the future.

If you have questions about KETA's plans, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Earnest A. Lehman, Chairman
Kansas Electric Transmission Authority

cc: Jeff Colyer, Lieutenant Governor
Shawn Sullivan, Director of the Budget
Jon Hummell, Policy Director

**Kansas Electric Transmission Authority
FY 2016 and FY 2017 Budget Request**

	FY 2016 Budget Request	FY 2017 Budget Request
Operations		
Salaries & Wages	\$10,000	\$10,000
Travel & Subsistence	\$35,000	\$35,000
Contractual - Professional Services	\$29,000	\$29,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500	\$500
Official Hospitality	\$500	\$500
Total Expenditures	\$75,000	\$75,000

Travel Approval Policy – DRAFT

Background:

Article II, Sec. 6 of the KETA Bylaws provides authorization for reimbursement of official travel as follows:

Section 6. Travel. All official travel by Members of the Authority and public employees providing services to the Authority, other than travel subject to Section 5 above, shall be reimbursed pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3207 et seq. and amendments thereto. The Authority may adopt policies or procedures regarding the approval of any such travel.

[Note: Section 5 authorizes compensation and reimbursement of expenses for Members attending meetings of the Authority]

Reimbursement for official travel to meetings of the SPP, other statute authorities, or other relevant groups is traditionally approved by vote at a KETA meeting, or by concurrence of the chairman and vice-chairman if approval is necessary between meetings due to time constraints. This policy would formalize those practices.

Draft Policy:

The procedure for approval of official travel in accordance with Article II, Section 6 of the KETA Bylaws shall be as follows:

- Travel will be approved by vote of the membership during a meeting of the Authority, when possible.
- The Chairman, with concurrence of the Vice-chairman, can approve travel at other times if necessary.
- Travel by the Chairman which requires approval between meetings of the Authority must be approved by the Vice-chairman with concurrence from at least one other member of the Authority.

Regional State Committee Meeting

Regional State Committee Meeting

October 26, 2015

October 26, 2015 (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.)

Location: Southwest Power Pool Corporate Center

Room: Auditorium A & B

Address: 201 Worthen Drive

City: Little Rock

State: Arkansas

Zip: 72223

Phone: 501.688.2524

Location Website: <http://www.spp.org/>

Sleep Rooms: Little Rock Hotel Options

Event Contact: Shaun Scott - 501-688-2524

[Online Registration](#)

[Regional State Committee](#)

Board Of Directors And Annual Meeting Of Members

Annual Meeting of Members

Board of Directors-Members Committee Meeting

October 27, 2015

October 27, 2015 (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Location: Southwest Power Pool Corporate Center

Room: Auditorium A & B

Address: 201 Worthen Drive

City: Little Rock

State: Arkansas

Zip: 72223

Phone: 501.688.2524

Location Website: <http://www.spp.org/>

Sleep Rooms: Little Rock Hotel Options

Event Contact: Shaun Scott - 501-688-2524

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[Board of Directors/Members Committee](#)

Board Of Directors-Members Committee Meeting

Board of Directors-Members Committee Meeting

December 8, 2015

December 8, 2015 (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Location: Southwest Power Pool Corporate Center

Room: Auditorium

Address: 201 Worthen Drive

City: Little Rock

State: Arkansas

Zip: 72223

Phone: 501.688.2524

Location Website: <http://www.spp.org/>

Sleep Rooms: Little Rock Hotel Options

Event Contact: Shaun Scott - 501-688-2524

Board of Directors/Members Committee

Regional State Committee Meeting

Regional State Committee Meeting

January 25, 2016

January 25, 2016 (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.)

Location: Skirvin Hilton

Room: Grand Ballroom

Address: 1 Park Avenue

City: Oklahoma City

State: Oklahoma

Zip: 73102

Phone: 405.272.3040

Sleep Rooms: Ask for the SWPP group rate of \$139.00. Cut-off date: January 4, 2016.

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/O/OKCSKHF-SWPP-20160124/index.jhtr>

Event Contact: Shaun Scott - 501-688-2524

Regional State Committee

Board Of Directors-Members Committee Meeting

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January 26, 2016

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Room: Grand Ballroom

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