

**MINUTES****KANSAS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY**December 23, 2010Teleconference**Members Present**

Representative Carl Holmes, Chairperson  
Earnie Lehman, Vice-chairperson  
Tim McKee, Secretary  
Les Evans  
Representative Annie Kuether  
Senator Janis Lee

**Staff Present**

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rebecca Wempe, Stevens & Brand, L.L.P.

Chairperson Holmes called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He asked for a motion to accept the agenda. *Senator Lee made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Evans seconded the motion (Attachment 1) The motion carried.*

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2010 meeting. *Mr. Evans moved the minutes be approved. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The Chairperson directed Board members' attention to the responses received to KETA's request for shared funding of a transmission route study. As of December 21, 2010, the following commitments had been received:

KETA	up to	\$ 50,000
ITC Great Plains, LLC	up to	\$ 150,000
Northwest Kansas Regional Energy Collaborative	up to	\$ 50,000
Trade Wind Energy, LLC	up to	\$ 20,000
Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC	up to	\$ 20,000

Kansas' investor-owned utilities submitted a joint response explaining their decision not to commit funds to the study (Attachment 2).

KETA Board members determined no response was necessary to correspondence from the federal Department of Energy seeking comment on the El Dorado Wetlands and Water Reclamation Facility Wind Energy Project (Attachment 3).

The Chairperson recognized Mr. Evans and Mr. McKee for discussion of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) proposed by Clean Line Energy Partners between Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC and KETA. Mr. Evans and Mr. McKee noted KETA previously has not entered into selective agreements with other transmission developers. Instead, they presented a letter of support for the Board's consideration. *Mr. McKee moved the Board lend support for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC project by approving the draft letter of support. Senator Lee seconded the motion (Attachment 4). The motion carried.*

The Chairperson opened discussion of the draft Funding and Services Agreement for Benefit Analysis of Potential Transmission Projects between KETA and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). The red-lined version shows changes made to the SPP template by Ms. Wempe, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Lehman. The document is ready to return to SPP to ensure they concur with the changes. Cost figures are blank, but KETA's percentage share, up to a cost maximum, is specified. The other parties funding the study will sign substantially similar agreements. *Representative Kuether moved the draft agreement be sent to SPP and the other funding parties, and as long as there are no major changes and Mr. Evans, Mr. Lehman and Chairperson Holmes agree, the Chairperson can sign the agreement on behalf of KETA. Senator Lee seconded the motion. Mr. Lehman offered a substitute motion clarifying that in addition to the above, Chairperson Holmes is authorized to modify KETA's participant share, subject to the \$50,000 maximum payment. The maker of the motion and the second agreed (Attachment 5 and 6). The motion carried.*

The Chairperson turned to discussion of SPP meetings. The meeting in Dallas on the 20-Year Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP 20) was well attended. The SPP Regional State Committee and Board of Directors will take up the ITP 20 at the meeting in New Orleans on January 24-25, 2011. If the ITP 20 is accepted as anticipated, SPP staff immediately will begin work on the ITP 10 (10-Year Plan), where several of Kansas' projects will be considered. The ITP 20 is very positive for Kansas, and it is productive for KETA to stay engaged to support its approval. *Mr. Lehman moved to allow any KETA member to attend the SPP Regional State Committee and Board of Directors meetings on January 24-25, with as many members attending as possible. Senator Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Mr. Evans suggested, with regard to the draft Funding and Services Agreement sent to the SPP, that Ms. Wempe prepare a cover letter explaining the rationale for KETA's proposed changes along with a red-lined copy and a clean copy of the agreement. KETA's funding partners also should receive both the red-lined copy and the clean copy of the agreement. Chairperson Holmes agreed. Any comments from funding partners should be distributed to all KETA members. Chairperson Holmes requested the map of the study projects be modified to reflect the actual interconnection location in Stevens County.

The Chairperson recognized Mark Lawlor, Clean Line Energy Partners LLC, who thanked the Board for its letter of support for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line Project.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim McKee, Secretary

Approved by the Board on:

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March 25, 2011  
(Date)