

**KS Electric  
Transmission Authority**

**KETA**

**Request for Public Comment on the Future of KETA**

KETA was created in 2005, at a time when no new high-voltage transmission had been built for more than 20 years. With the anticipated development of significant wind energy in the Midwest and the growth of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) as a regional transmission organization, the need for a body to advocate for the development of new transmission in Kansas was evident.

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Eight years later, the landscape has changed. New high-voltage transmission has been completed from Salina to Sooner, Oklahoma and from Spearville to Axtell, Nebraska, and is under construction from Spearville to Wichita with a connection south to Oklahoma. A high voltage line from Salina to Concordia has been approved by the Southwest Power Pool, and the first high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line in Kansas is undergoing siting review.

Given this progress, the members of the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority believe it is time to actively assess the Authority's future role. In that spirit, the Authority Invites your testimony on the questions listed below, for presentation and discussion at the Authority's September 11, 2013 meeting:

- What new high-voltage projects might be needed in Kansas beyond those already authorized or under construction? What could/will drive these projects?
- Are there other types of projects KETA should be considering, evaluating or advocating?
- Does KETA still need bonding authority?
- If KETA were to be created anew, how might its Mission Statement be changed?
- Should KETA's board membership requirements and/or representation be changed, and if so, how?
- What other comments do you have regarding how KETA can best "ensure reliable operation of the electrical transmission system, diversify and expand the Kansas economy and facilitate consumption of Kansas energy through improvements in the state's electric transmission infrastructure" (its current Mission Statement)?

To help inform the discussion, the Authority requests your **written comments by 5 p.m. September 9<sup>th</sup>**, to allow time for testimony to be distributed to members prior to the meeting. Electronic submission of testimony is encouraged, and should be emailed to [cindy.lash@klrd.ks.gov](mailto:cindy.lash@klrd.ks.gov). Alternatively, hard copy may be sent via U.S. mail to:

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