

## **Regarding Recent Invitation to Council of State Governments**

The attached letter of invitation from the Council of State Governments (CSG) to participate in a meeting to determine how proposed interstate transmission lines can more easily be sited and approved may not be newsworthy, but it is very important to our state and nationally. As all of you know, Kansas recently had two transmission lines approved by the SPP - that took more than two years of effort by the appropriate utility companies, the KS Electric Transmission Authority, Governor and Lt. Governor, me, and others to accomplish. But, that still effectively leaves questions about where Kansas' wind energy will go once it gets to the NE and OK borders.

The CSG effort to develop an interstate compact regarding interstate siting and approval processes was initiated by me and will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and hosted by Commissioner Phil Moeller. You may recall that Commissioner Moeller has been to Kansas 3 times for the Kansas/Regional Transmission Summits that I organized and that I chaired two transmission Working Groups that met at the FERC.

What is really important in all of this is that Kansans' issues are being heard and considered nationally on how we more successfully develop renewable energy (and energy storage as a result of the prior Dept. of Energy invitation to me to participate in a planning session later this month). Our ideas and priorities, not just those of California and other large population states, are being heard and acted upon.

Gail and I hope that all of you have great holiday weekends. I will be going door-to-door, as I am want to do every day that I am in town. I sincerely believe that voters should have the opportunity to meet and speak with the persons seeking their votes.

Best wishes,

Tom Sloan  
45th District Representative

Attachment: [CSG Letter](#)