

**Rep. Sloan Chairs DOE Electric Transmission Workshop**

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) served as Chairman of the Transmission Policy Institute that was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Co-Sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), and The National Council on Electricity Policy.

“More than a year ago, I suggested to an Undersecretary at the Dept. of Energy that new transmission products, technologies, and techniques could help policy-makers address siting, NIMBY, electricity supply, and other transmission-related issues and conflicts, but policy-makers do not generally know of such technologies,” Sloan said. “The Undersecretary agreed and secured funding for selected state legislators and public utility commission commissioners and staff to participate.”

The Transmission Policy Institute featured presentations and discussions about transmission technologies, public and energy policy drivers, new transmission options, and case studies of how new technologies and techniques solved electricity supply-resident objection conflicts. A tabletop exercise was developed for the Institute so that participants could apply the information they had learned to actual electricity supply problems.

“The Institute’s Steering Committee did an exceptional job of attracting engineers and policy-makers who could mutually discuss relationships between policy-making requirements to meet electricity and community relations needs and the technological and cost options available to ‘keep the lights on,’” said Sloan.

“Based on comments from the participants and speakers, representatives from the DOE, National Governor’s Association, NCSL, and NARUC expressed interest in repeating the Institute for additional policy-makers.”

Rep. Sloan is serving his 9<sup>th</sup> term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He is a member of the DOE’s Electricity Advisory Committee, Vice Chairman of the Council of State Governments’ Energy and Environment Task Force, and a member of the NCSL Energy Supply Task Force.

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