

Rep. Sloan Speaks at Transmission Policy Institute

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) initiated and spoke at the Transmission Policy Institute held by the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (NWCC) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). The Institute was organized to educate state legislators about renewable energy and transmission line issues. Rep. Sloan is a member of the NWCC's Steering Committee and the NCSL Energy Supply Task Force.

Legislators from 15 states participated and learned about how wind energy can be integrated into the electric transmission/grid system, and how customer load growth can be met with increasing amounts of renewable energy while maintaining the integrity of the electric grid system.

Rep. Sloan spoke about innovative legislation adopted in Kansas that stimulates the development of high voltage transmission lines to "carry" wind energy to customers hundreds of miles away from the wind farms. He also led the discussions about what research on wind energy supplies and integration the NWCC and NCSL can promote to better meet the needs of policy-makers.

"This was a significant conference on renewable energy and transmission interconnections because state legislators were the focus," said Sloan. "Most conferences are geared toward wind developers, transmission operators, and utilities; this one focused on providing state policy-makers the information necessary for them to chart appropriate policies in their states and regions."

Rep. Sloan is Chairman of the Kansas Vision 2020 Committee, and a member of both the Energy & Utilities and Government Efficiency and Technology Committees. He has organized and hosted six Kansas and Regional Transmission Summits in Lawrence that brought federal agency heads and Kansas and regional stakeholders together.

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