

Sloan Speaks at National Energy Conference

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) spoke at the Energy Storage Association's annual conference on a panel including a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Commissioner and executives from the Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Sloan talked about state initiatives to meet the EPA's recent power plant carbon emission reduction orders, his role on the DOE's Electricity Advisory Committee's (EAC) Energy Storage Subcommittee, and problems Kansans have experienced with other EPA regulations that adversely impacted electric grid reliability.

"I placed in context the policy recommendations made by the EAC encouraging the DOE to fund development of models to help states determine the most cost-effective ways to meet Clean Air Standards while maintaining the electric system's reliability," Sloan said. "I stressed that giving states flexibility in determining how to meet the EPA requirements is vital."

Sloan was the only state legislator participating on the ESA's agenda. The modeling that he referenced would permit states to determine whether adding energy storage devices, micro-grids, additional transmission lines, or other strategies would best provide for increased renewable energy production and help reduce the nation's carbon footprint.

Sloan is Chairman of the Kansas House of Representatives' Vision 2020 Committee and a member of both the Agriculture & Natural Resources and Transportation Committees. He is a member of the DOE's Electricity Advisory Committee and GridWise Architecture Council and a member of the Federal Communication Commission's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

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