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Media Release

### **DOE to Receive Policy Recommendations Sponsored by Rep. Sloan**

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) accepted a proposal from Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) to forward a letter to the DOE's Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, recommending the Department work with states to promote interstate compacts as a way to expedite the construction of high voltage transmission lines. The EAC is comprised of public utility regulators, electric industry representatives, consumer advocates, and Rep. Sloan.

"For three years I have worked to develop and promote an Interstate Electric Transmission Siting Compact that will facilitate the movement of Kansas' wind energy to customers in other states," Sloan said. "Securing the assistance of the DOE in making states aware that compacts are a way to prevent federal agency pre-emption of state siting authority is an important step in convincing states to work together more effectively. A robust electric grid will help lower cost electricity move to higher cost areas, thereby benefiting all of us."

Interstate Compacts are frequently used by states to promote coordinated action. Examples of such compacts include: child support enforcement and transfer of prisoners.

Rep. Sloan is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee and a member of the Transportation Committee. He is Co-Chairman of the Council of State Governments' Interstate Transmission Siting Compact Task Force and a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Energy Supply and Military & Veterans Affairs Task Forces. He is serving his 10<sup>th</sup> term in the Kansas House of Representatives.

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