

Rep. Sloan at Council of State Governments Conference

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) facilitated a tour of the Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL) Company's "Smart Grid" substation, solar collectors, electricity storage, and the Smart Home in which they partner for the Council of State Governments' (CSG) Energy & Environment Task Force members. KCPL received a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) demonstration grant to prove that all of the smart elements can be integrated. The results of KCPL's work will be made available to other electric utilities through the DOE.

CSG is a professional organization for members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of state governments. In addition to a national conference that attracts participants from all 50 states, there are four regional CSG meetings.

The Energy & Environment Task Force members had an opportunity to see how solar collectors can be integrated with energy storage devices to help address intermittency issues. They also saw how smart electric meters permit customers to better manage their electricity usage.

"I was pleased to help legislators from across the country learn what a progressive electric utility KCPL is," said Sloan. "The information they learned about the linking of communications devices to the electric system as a means of helping customers manage their electric bills, identifying service problems, and integrating renewable energy into the grid will help the legislators in their home states."

Rep. Sloan is serving his ninth term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee and a member of the Transportation and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committees. He also is a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee and the Federal Communications Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

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