Kansas Corporation Commission

PUC and SEO Integration

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Structure of the KCC

- Regulate electric & gas utilities, oil & gas operators, and transportation operators.
- State Energy Office is a Division of the KCC, officially the Energy Division
- KCC embodies an all-of-the-above approach to energy with this broad perspective
KCC Organization - 2010

- Utilities Division (regulatory) reported to Commissioners
- Kansas Energy Office and Conservation Division (oil & gas) reported to the KCC Executive Director
- Very little interaction between divisions
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (Energy Office) experts not consulted on key decisions
KCC Organization
2012

KCC Missions:
Economic, Legal, Managerial

Functions Only
Organization and staffing to be determined by ED & managers driven by work flow
Communications Channels
Value of SEO Integration with PUC

- Executive Director balances the roles of the regulatory division with the SEO
- All energy sources are considered equally – energy efficiency and renewable energy are treated on same footing as oil, gas and electricity
- This allows the KCC to see a full-spectrum of energy in decisions – embracing an all-of-the-above approach
- Executive Director ensures balance in making decisions and setting priorities
SEO Input in PUC Decisions

- Energy Efficiency becoming more common focus for PUCs
- SEOs are the energy efficiency and renewable energy experts
- SEO located at the Kansas PUC allows seamless integration, common mission, and two-way communication facilitated by the Executive Director between regulators and EE/RE experts
Future Integration

- Requires continued support from the legislature, governor, and stakeholders

- KCC Energy Efficiency Docket – Utilities Division receives input from Energy Division on feasibility and program design

- Energy Division input in EPA and other important utility areas

- SEO provides added opportunities for economic development

- New opportunities for SEO interaction with growing oil & gas industry
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