

## **Rep. Sloan Appointed to National Council on Electricity Policy**

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) was appointed to the National Council on Electric Policy) and was the only state legislator participating in the inaugural meeting. The NCEP provides counsel to the Department of Energy and other energy-related federal and non-governmental agencies. The NCEP is being re-inaugurated after a five year hiatus.

Sloan heard presentations on and discussed topics reflecting where federal and state energy policy lines are blurred, creating problems that then must be resolved by the courts. The NCEP will make recommendations to the Department of Energy and other organizations about how authority lines can be better clarified and coordinated.

“It is an honor to represent Kansas interests on the National Council on Electric Policy,” Sloan said. “This is the fourth federal advisory committee to which I have been appointed and I am pleased to present Kansas values and experiences. “

The NCEP met in conjunction with the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council (EISPC) and discussed topics in air and energy resources; federal land leasing for energy extraction and production; high voltage transmission line construction and needs; electric grid reliability, resilience, and recovery during and after a weather- or man-made event; and work by the Department of Energy’s National Laboratories Grid Modernization team.

“We identified some of the more important policy, market, and technology changes in the electric industry and grid operations that are blurring state and federal jurisdictional authority,” said Sloan. “I have spoken nationally about how technological innovations can help policy-makers address constituent concerns about electric service reliability, cost containment, and minimizing impact on view sheds. The NCEP meeting gave me the opportunity to elaborate on those possibilities with state regulators from across the country.”

The National Council on Electricity Policy serves as a national marketplace of ideas on electricity issues in the U.S. NCEP convenes state decision-makers, regulators, agency officials, and consumer advocates to serve as a forum for policy discussions.

Rep. Sloan also serves on the Department of Energy’s Electricity Advisory Committee’s Energy Storage Subcommittee and the GridWise Architecture Council. He is a member of the Federal Communications Commission’s Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and is a leader on energy and environmental policy matters for the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments.

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