

Section 9.1 Policy and Program Recommendations

- 1. The KEC should monitor the Kansas Corporation Commission's ongoing energy efficiency investigations to determine need for further KEC investigation of rate design and other energy efficiency issues.**

Description

The Kansas Corporation Commission due, in part, to the discussions and early draft recommendations of the Kansas Energy Council, opened a generic investigation (Docket No. 07-GIMX-247-GIV), *In the Matter of a General Investigation Regarding Energy Efficiency Programs*.¹ After comments by interested parties and a Staff report, the Commission issued a Final Order on October 10, 2007. The Order concluded that the Commission should continue to work collaboratively with the utility companies to further energy efficiency programs and need not address various legal issues regarding KCC authority to mandate programs.

The Commission found that it should develop a uniform framework for reviewing and encouraging energy efficiency programs. It therefore opened two separate dockets on November 6, 2007. The first one, Docket No. 08-GIMX-442-GIV, is intended to address the benefit cost tests to be used in evaluating potential EE programs. The second proceeding, Docket No. 08-GIMX-441-GIV, will look at cost recovery, decoupling, and incentives. Comments and reply comments on numerous questions posed in the orders are due December 21, 2007, and January 14, 2008, in the first proceeding, and January 25, 2008, and February 15, 2008, in the other docket. The Commission intends to conduct informal workshops in both proceedings. The goals are to complete these dockets in 6 and 9 months, respectively, but the orders recognize that the timelines may need to change.

Because these topics are of ongoing interest to the Council, the KEC will monitor the KCC's findings, decisions, and subsequent actions with respect to the questions raised in these dockets to determine whether further investigation may be warranted.

¹ The Commissions' Final Order on Docket 07-GMIX-247-GIV is available on the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) website: <http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/scan/200710/20071010110245.pdf>. Other dockets can be accessed through the KCC Docket web page: <http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/docket/docket.htm>.