

Kansas Energy Council

Recommendations included in *Kansas Energy Report 2009*

The Kansas Energy Council approved the following recommendations for inclusion in the 2009 version of the *Kansas Energy Report*. The *Report* was delivered to the Governor, Legislature, and Kansas Corporation Commission on January 7, 2009.

Chapter 2, Section 2.3: Energy, Economics, and the Environment: Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Global Climate Change

1. If a cap-and-trade policy or carbon tax is passed, it should be done at the federal level.
2. Endorse policies that promote declines in greenhouse gas emissions, not policies that merely shift emissions within or between regions.
3. Urge Congressional delegation to include agricultural sequestration as an offset in any federal cap-and-trade policy.

Chapter 8, Section 8.4: Electricity: Electricity Generation and Carbon Dioxide Emissions

1. Encourage federal funding of research and development of all technologies that can provide base-load power while achieving reduced CO₂ emissions.
2. Encourage the Kansas Bioscience Authority to allocate some of their funds to research and development related to biomass-fueled electric generation, including the analysis of carbon footprint.
3. Endorse collaborative development of advanced generation technologies in Kansas that can provide base-load power while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Such collaboration could be between Kansas utilities, between Kansas utilities and regional utilities, or between Kansas utilities and other stakeholders.

Chapter 9, Section 9.4: Energy Conservation and Efficiency: Public Sector

1. The State of Kansas should adopt a goal of increasing energy efficiency such that the rate of growth in electricity peak demand and total energy is 50% less than it would have been absent the energy efficiency initiative.
2. Establish minimum building design standard for all new and renovated, occupied, majority State-funded construction in accordance with LEED Platinum or design equivalent.

Chapter 10, Section 10.1: Energy Use in the Transportation Sector: Cars, Light Trucks

1. Encourage State agencies to develop guidelines for telecommuting for appropriate state employees, giving broad discretion to State agencies on how such an option would be applied.

Chapter 11, Section 11.1: Energy Use in the Agricultural Sector: Crop Agriculture

1. Increase state agency and private sector efforts to educate farmers (and agricultural landowners) about the benefits—reduced CO₂ emissions, energy and dollar savings—associated with no-till agriculture and existing state and federal conservation programs.