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## KMU Announces Conference Highlights

The 2009 KMU Annual Conference is fast approaching with a program that will appeal to a broad range of municipal utility managers, operators, and governing body members. Join your municipal utility colleagues, May 6-8, 2009, in an exciting and engaging lineup of speakers and topics that will help municipal utilities and their staffs learn about the utility industry while networking with peers from across the state. Some of the program highlights include:

### *Pre-Conference Workshop*

On Wednesday, May 6, KMU is offering a workshop on energy efficiency and its impact on your municipal bottom line. The session, entitled **Bottom Line Green**, will feature Mike Conduff, former city manager (including as a Kansas manager) and now President of the Elim Group, a firm specializing in organizational governance and management improvement. He is the co-author of a new book – **Bottom Line Green – How America's Cities are Saving the Planet (And Money Too!)** – coming out this spring. (Workshop participants will receive a copy of this new book along with their registration.) Through this half-day pre-conference session, Conduff and representatives from the

cities of Lawrence and North Newton will show you how to accomplish more and operate in a best practice environment, making your community more sustainable. We hope your schedule will allow you to join your municipal utility colleagues for a compelling session on a topic that is critical to the future of your community and its operations.

### *Speakers*

In addition to notable officials in the utility industry, both locally and nationally, KMU is pleased to welcome Dale Collie to the 2009 Conference. Collie served as a United States Army Ranger and troop commander in Europe and Vietnam and was awarded a Purple Heart. Named as one of America's Fast 50 Innovative Leaders by Fast Company, he currently runs a consulting practice, Courage Builders, which teaches the Army's techniques to organizations and individuals. Collie will also be conducting a session on taming workplace interruptions that steal your time. Pre-registered conference participants will receive Collie's new book – **Frontline Leadership: From War Room to Boardroom** – inspiring

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## Study Projects Large Rate Increases Under Cap-and-Trade Program

According to a study conducted by Midwest Consumer Utilities, electric consumers in the Midwestern region of the country "could face alarming economic impacts" under certain provisions of a federal greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program. The study focused on seven Midwestern states, examining the potential impact of climate change legislation on utility rates and overall state economies. Depending on the auction price of allowances, the average rate increase in the states studied could be up to 79 percent from 2012 to 2030 under a cap-and-trade program that uses a 100 percent auction method and does not refund auction revenues back to those consumers. Even a cap-and-trade program that allocated 100 percent of allowances at no cost, for rate mitigation purposes, could still bring about a rate hike of up to 37 percent, the study said. "Congress is about to embark on an important national debate," noted Roy Thilly, CEO of WPPI Energy, one of the utilities studied. The emergence of new technologies will be critical, and particularly in the Midwest, where coal generation is prevalent, the cost of compliance will be largely affected by the method chosen to distribute allowances and recycle auction revenues. "The no-cost allocation of allowances is essential to help those states that face the greatest challenges in moving to a low carbon economy," the Midwestern utilities said.

## USDA to Provide Funding for Energy Audits

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will be awarding grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to assist them in obtaining energy audits. The audits are intended to help these entities identify ways to reduce energy consumption. Funding is available through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). For more information, please visit the USDA Rural Development website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

## KSMAP Provides Aid to Winfield

As Kansas was struck by a late season winter storm dumping over 20 inches of snow in areas and icing in others, Kansas Mutual Aid Program (KSMAP) was again activated to help restore electric service downed by ice accumulation. The City of Winfield experienced icing that brought down electric lines and services. On Saturday, March 28, Bob Porter, Winfield's Director of Electric and Water Utilities, requested mutual aid assistance through KSMAP. By that afternoon, crews from the cities of Clay Center and Lindsborg were on their way to help. While some closer electric systems would have liked to respond, those systems were experiencing extensive snow or icing affecting their own operations while others still remained in the path of the winter storm.

## KDHE Recognizes Outstanding Public Water Systems

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recently selected ten public water systems in Kansas to receive the 2008 Capacity Development Achievement Awards. The recipients were chosen for their excellence in achieving and maintaining technical, financial and managerial capacity. "This unique awards program serves as a positive means for encouraging systems to not just meet the standards [in the Safe Water Drinking Act], but to exceed them," said John Mitchell, Director of the KDHE Division of Environment. Recipients included the Cities of Assaria, Walton, Linn, Olpe, Deerfield, Fowler, Larned, and Hutchinson, as well as Harvey County RWD #1 and Cowley County RWD #4.

## EPA Proposes National System for Greenhouse Gas Reporting

On March 10, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed its first comprehensive national system for reporting emissions of carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases. "Through this new reporting, we will have comprehensive and accurate data about the production of greenhouse gases," said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. "This is a critical step toward helping us better protect our health and environment." The EPA estimates that roughly 13,000 facilities, which together account for 85 to 90 percent of U.S. emissions, would be affected by the reporting requirements. These would cover suppliers of fossil fuel and industrial chemicals, manufacturers of motor vehicles and engines, as well as large, direct emission sources (25,000 metric tons per year or more) such as energy generation. The EPA is proposing that the first annual reports be submitted in 2011 for the calendar year 2010.

# Kansas Energy Bill Sent to Governor

Even with a looming veto threat, the Kansas Legislature passed a comprehensive energy bill which is now on the desk of Governor Kathleen Sebelius. The bill, officially known as "Senate Substitute for Substitute for House Bill No. 2014," was crafted after months of legislative hearings, testimony and debate. From the municipal utility perspective, the bill emerged much better than originally expected.

As passed by both houses after a conference committee worked out the differences, the bill includes the following:

- Enactment of renewable energy standards for public utilities (does not include municipally-owned electric utilities)
  - 10 percent by 2013;
  - 15 percent by 2017; and
  - 20 percent by 2021;
- Net metering requirements for customer-owned generation and amendments to the parallel generation statutes;
- Deregulation of large electric cooperatives;
- Prohibits the Secretary of Health and Environment from promulgating rules and regulations that are more stringent than the federal Clean Air Act;
- Fuel efficiency standards for state-owned vehicles and energy efficiency requirements for state-owned and leased space and equipment;
- Requires the Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy to study and make recommendations on the use of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for energy efficiency, weatherization, energy conservation, alternative fuel vehicles and state energy programs;
- Amends the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority statutes clarifying its powers;
- Requires the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to take action on certificates of convenience within 180 days of receipt of applications;

- Requires the KCC to adopt rules and regulations for compressed air storage;
- Requires the purchase of Kansas coal for new coal-fired plants under certain circumstances;
- Creation of the Kansas Energy Resources Commission.

Of particular interest to municipal electric utilities is a public power renewable portfolio standard (RPS) exemption. KMU and municipal representatives worked hard to clarify the potential impact on municipals, particularly smaller systems, from subjecting them to the renewable energy requirements. The net metering provisions of the bill will require municipal electric systems to work with their customers on customer-owned generation. Should the legislation become law, KMU will provide additional guidance on the implementation of the net metering standards.

As a side note, one of the early provisions discussed for inclusion in an energy bill would have declared any ordinance, resolution, or regulation that restricted wind or solar development as adopted by a local government void and unenforceable. KMU, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and multiple other organizations testified in strong opposition to the language as a direct attack on local control.

KMU will continue to monitor and update the membership on the status of the comprehensive energy bill. The legislation's future is uncertain given the Governor's veto threat and the fact that the bill did not pass the House with a veto-proof margin.



## KMEA/KMGA Update



by Jim Widener, General Manager  
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### Preliminary WAPA Post 2009 Allocations Issued

WAPA has issued preliminary Post 2009 allocations for new customers starting on Oct. 1, 2009, and KMEA is pleased with the results. Our three new cities received more than 80 percent of the total power (6,900 kW) WAPA made available to new municipals, coops and other eligible customers in a four-state area.

Those cities are: Russell, which has now been allocated 4,645 kW; Cimarron, 698 kW; and Arma, 324 kW. Because Arma straddles two drainage basins, their allocation is prorated based on the portion of the city in the Missouri River Basin, as required by WAPA.

While much work needs to be done to coordinate agreements and transmission in a very short time frame, we are optimistic that new hydro energy will flow into Kansas starting October 1.

### KMEA Board Meeting Set for May 7

KMEA and KMGA will hold their annual Board of Directors' meetings in conjunction with the KMU Annual Conference, May 7 at the Hyatt Regency, Wichita. KMGA's meeting will start at 3:30 p.m., with KMEA following at 4 p.m. New officers will be elected, as well as new members to fill vacancies on the Executive Committees.

### Mutual Aid Renewal Completed, Regions Consolidated

With three-year renewals now completed, membership remains steady in KMEA's Mutual Aid Program, which mobilizes neighboring member cities to help during power emergencies. Since 2000, Mutual Aid has come to the rescue of 32 member cities during tornadoes, ice storms and straight-line winds.

This year, as a result of geographic shifts in membership patterns, Mutual Aid has consolidated its five regions into four, merging the Purple Region, previously covering the state's southeast corner, into the Yellow and Red Regions. The western section of the Purple Region (south of Wichita and west of I-35) now becomes part of the Yellow Region. The remainder of the Purple Region will join the Red Region, which will now extend south to the Oklahoma state line.

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# Kansas Power Pool (KPP) Update

by Colin Whitley, General Manager  
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As a member driven organization, KPP is proud to announce the good news of two of our member cities, the City of Luray and the City of Erie. Luray received confirmation from the State of Kansas that they are being awarded a Community Improvement Grant (CIG) to replace all the poles on their existing electric distribution system. The grant, totaling \$173,132, was written and prepared by KPP and Rosemary Saunders of our financial advisory firm. Helen Krehbiel, Luray City Clerk and KPP Board Member, said of the development "We are really excited to get this grant and are appreciative of all KPP's efforts." Congratulations, City of Luray, and we look forward to sharing in your success!

The City of Erie, one of the first members of KPP, has requested the first ten year power contract. Erie will be experiencing growth over the next few years, anchored by a new high school and a new nursing home. The expected new load is 1.5 megawatts, and KPP will provide a new 5/7.5/10 MVA substation and two new 4.16 kv circuits. KPP is happy to see growth in its member communities and looks forward to serving them long-term.

## *NITS Update*

May 1, 2009, KPP will begin network integrated transmission service through the Southwest Power Pool. This includes two redispatch agreements (one with GRDA, one with MKEC) to alleviate N-1 concerns from May 1, 2009 until 2014 when transmission upgrades are completed. Both GRDA and MKEC have agreed to the redispatch agreements.

KPP will receive better transmission service under NITS and will support roughly \$50 million in transmission upgrades by working together.



## *May Operations Committee Meeting*

The KPP Ops committee will not meet in April, and will combine the April/May meeting into one meeting on May 6th at 10 AM in conjunction with the KMU Annual Conference. The annual KMU conference is a valuable, information-filled event and members can both learn more and network with other communities around the state. I hope to see all of you there!


The KPP Ops meeting will be over by noon and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP for lunch.

Good news has been relatively hard to come by in recent months from a national perspective so it is that much more pleasing to be writing about all the positive developments for our member cities. We look forward to continuing to partner with and help drive success for our members!



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# US Army Rangers & Leadership Essentials



by Dale Collie  
Keynote Speaker  
KMU Conference 2009

*US Army Ranger,  
West Point Professor, CEO  
& Business Owner*

*"Even the most innovative  
leaders rely upon the basics  
in tough times."*

*- Dale Collie*

Tim didn't slam down the phone, but there was no smile when the call ended – more bad news from sales. And standing in the doorway was the office manager with another personnel problem to be resolved. The cup of coffee on his desk was getting colder and colder, just like everyone's attitude throughout the company.

Touching fingertips to his forehead and closing his eyes briefly, he wondered what could be done to turn things around. It seemed that everyone was becoming less and less enthusiastic about the company since the recession started, but this is just the time when we need everyone's best effort.

The problems facing Tim today are almost insignificant compared to the life or death prospects involved in his earlier military service as an elite soldier – a US Army Ranger. A twisted smile did come to his face as he thought of that old saying, "At least they're not shooting at us today!"

Still, Tim knew that a lot of families depended on his leadership and his ability to move things forward, good times and bad. His military training had taught him that the bad attitudes plaguing the company were his responsibility, not the fault of someone else, and he remembered a specific pep talk from a Ranger cadre officer on a miserable, rainy day in the mountains of North Georgia.

*Be all you can be.*

Water dripped from his helmet, and he shivered a little as the cadre officer said, "Listen up, troops. I

know we've had some tough days here, and today's going to be even harder. We're all dead tired. We haven't had any food for two days. And we have a long way to go before we can rest.

"In the next few hours we're going to cross this mountain and the river you see here on the map. It's dangerous. The success of the mission depends on each one of us. People are going to get hurt if we fail in our leadership.

Everyone listened intently as he told the small group to pull out their Ranger handbooks and review the key leadership essentials. This didn't seem to be a good time for a leadership lesson. The books would get wet, but they'd been wet before, and muddy, and crumpled, very much like these soldiers themselves.

"Here's the page – LDRSHIP," he said. Read this and think about each item.

*What does this have to do with a municipal utility?*

US Army Rangers practice the same time-proven leadership principles as those used in the workplace.

The principles apply to leaders at all levels, from private to general, from newly hired managers to CEOs. Regardless of the number of employees, these leadership essentials apply to organizations of all sizes.

The acronym LDRSHIP helps Rangers and others remember the key leadership points that make an organization strong, no matter how rough it gets.

1. **Loyalty** - Are you loyal to both management and employees, and does unswerving allegiance go both ways?
2. **Duty** - Do you provide employees more than is expected, and is this attitude reflected in their work?
3. **Respect** - Do you expect the best of everyone, while treating them with courtesy, honor and trust? Do you have the respect of subordinates, peers, and senior management?

4. **Selfless Service** - Do you put the interests of others and the company ahead of your own? Do your employees do the same?

5. **Honor** - Can you say that you and your staff exhibit a keen sense of ethical conduct and principled character? Do you set the example?

6. **Integrity** - Is integrity predominant among your priorities, or has it been eroded by concession after concession? Do you see signs of high integrity among employees?

7. **Personal Courage** - Do you have the courage to do the right thing, regardless of circumstances or consequences? Can the same be said of everyone in your company - from janitor to CEO?

If you, your managers, or your employees are weak in any of these areas, you are vulnerable to big problems when you run into a weak economy, heavy competition, operational difficulties, or major growth opportunities.

Even in routine times, weaknesses in these areas create bickering between departments, personnel turnover, quality problems, lowered productivity, uncertain reliability of individuals, and lower profits.

*Back to the Rangers in the mountains.*

The cadre officer wanted individual responses as he asked, "Which of these leadership essentials do you think we need to emphasize today?"

It was a learning experience and a time of self-reflection as each of the team thought about what was needed to get the best from their own people in these harsh conditions.

Some thought that it was a time for selfless service. Others thought it was a time for personal courage.

One Ranger explained that this conversation and their attention to leadership essentials already revealed their own:

- loyalty to the soldiers as they considered ways to insure their safety

- duty as they were trying to accomplish the mission
- respect for each soldier who would make it all possible.

The day was miserable, the soldiers were tired, and there was still no food. But these leaders had a good attitude, and they lifted morale as they struggled their way through the mountains and made a successful river crossing.

*What can I do in my city?*

"They're not shooting at us," but we still face some tough times. What action can you take to help everyone do their best?

Tim decided to show everyone the list that he had used as his own LDRSHIP compass over the years and ask for feedback on how he is doing.

You can do this in your own workplace. Impromptu surveys or a discussion of these topics will reveal the strengths and weaknesses that you face. The feedback you get from people who truly want the best for your city will surprise you.

Once you know where you are, you'll know what you need to do to help everyone achieve as you struggle through tough times.



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# Making Energy Efficiency Programs Work

## From APPA's Energy Efficiency Resource Central (EERCnet.org)

"Before developing an energy efficiency program, talk about who you are, who your customers are, what your climate is, have a plan in place." said Palo Alto's Kinnear. "If you're a small utility, I would urge simpler programs. Work with a local hardware store, for instance."

This advice comes from Joyce Kinnear, manager of utility marketing services for the City of Palo Alto Utilities in California. Kinnear and other managers of energy efficiency programs for public power utilities shared their ideas on how to organize successful efficiency programs in a series of interviews with a writer for Public Power magazine.

"Utilities need to know their customers well, do their research," said Debbie Kimberly, manager of energy efficiency and policy analysis for Salt River Project in Phoenix. "We went through a rigorous process, looked at the types of programs that we might offer, determined what we thought the true market potential was, the likely savings."

No two service areas are alike. In Snohomish County, Wash., there are a lot of industrial shops that support Boeing, the aircraft maker. "We have a lot of motor and compressor loads, so we have targeted motor efficiency and compressor upgrades in our efficiency programs," said Mary Smith senior manager of energy efficiency services for Snohomish County Public Utility District.

On the other hand, said Smith, kitchen equipment is a broad niche, not just in restaurants, but in schools and hospitals.

For new construction as well as retrofit projects, Snohomish County PUD encourages utilities to examine their service territory and focus on owner-occupied buildings. The occupants may not be interested in investing in energy-efficient equipment if they don't pay the energy bill," said Smith.

A robust measurement and verification system will help public utilities validate the savings achieved by their energy efficiency programs.

"Utilities need an effective evaluation program in place so they can demonstrate to their management and the board what they are achieving in terms of energy savings," said Salt River Project's Kimberly.

"Utilities need to be able to prove the cost effectiveness of their programs. There's a tendency to ask: Why give money to customers to reduce energy consumption? The response: These programs are an alternative to new baseload plants." It helps, she said, to take a long-term perspective in assessing whether energy efficiency programs are economic.

It's essential to clearly demonstrate a program's economic advantage up front, said Kevin Law, president and CEO of the Long Island Power Authority.

Smaller public power utilities in particular can benefit from the support of joint action agencies and regional municipal organizations. The Northern California Power Agency, Southern California Public Power Authority and the Public Power Council in the Pacific Northwest all support efficiency programs for their member utilities.

"It's always useful for small utilities to develop relationships with other small utilities," said Palo Alto's Kinnear. "These relationships are vital. We receive calls asking how we're running a particular kind of program."

Richmond Power & Light is sometimes approached by smaller utilities in the area, said the utility's Phillips. "They'll say: We have a customer, a large power user, and we don't have the resources to do an



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audit." Richmond usually receives the nod from its management to help out, said Phillips.

It's important for programs to be diverse and dynamic, said Jeff Brining, energy services director for Norwich Public Utilities in Connecticut. "What works now may not work six months from now." Snohomish County PUD had been focusing on larger customers, said the utility's Smith. "Now we're finding that we need to make more inroads into the smaller commercial market."

Public power utilities use a variety of means to tell customers about their energy efficiency programs. Norwich Public Utilities, for example, works with the Chamber of Commerce, which carries weekly energy tips in its newsletter and holds meetings attended by business leaders. "We're always trying to make new contacts," said the utility's Brining.

Fort Collins Utilities sponsors mini-workshops on various topics, many tied to the utility's rebates. "We're trying to bring awareness of our programs to customers," said John Phelan.

"It's important to work

with customers and get their buy-in," said Mark Jagodzinski, SMUD's senior product services coordinator for customer programs and services. "We promote new products, face to face or by e-mail."

Richmond Power & Light's Phillips suggests seeking out the decision-makers among a utility's customers.

"A couple of our customers that have installed fluorescent lighting cut their lighting bills in half," said Richmond's Phillips. "We told them that other customers are interested in what they have done. They are now our energy efficiency evangelists."

Some of Richmond's customers have opened their facilities to other big power users, said Phillips. "It's hard to describe the impact of a lighting upgrade, but when other customers see it and hear about the payback, they are convinced."



Watch Public Power magazine's June issue for Alice Clamp's in-depth article on programs to boost efficiency at commercial and industrial customer sites.

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## KMU Power Plant Operator Workshop Update

Mark your calendars, because KMU's workshop for power plant operators is shaping up to be a training opportunity that no one is going to want to miss. The workshop will be hosted by the City of Ottawa, October 21-23, 2009. Our focus will be on providing numerous hands-on training and knowledge growth opportunities for municipal power plant personnel.

The workshop will have three different tracks that will give workshop participants a number of sessions to choose from. The New Operator track will focus on general information required for new personnel in a plant, like basic engine systems. The Advanced Operator track will focus on more of a big picture, such as day-to-day operations that can lower

operating costs for plants. The Maintenance track will focus on troubleshooting of various systems within a power plant. There will be opportunities for participants to not only expand their knowledge, but also to participate in various hands-on experiences as well.

Look for upcoming announcements in the KMU Dispatch and weekly updates. The brochure for the workshop will be out in August. If you have any question and/or comments, please contact Rick Aguilar: raguilar@kmunet.org, (316) 293-6933, or come by our booth at next month's KMU Annual Conference.

# Legislative Push for Parity for Natural Gas Consumers

In the 111th Congress, a focus of the American Public Gas Association's (APGA) legislative advocacy efforts has been to push for the passage of legislation that would bring parity in the manner in which electric customers versus gas customers are treated when it comes to the ability of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to review and timely set just and reasonable rates. Under the Federal Power Act, if a complaint is filed and FERC rules that the rate the customers have paid was unjust and unreasonable, FERC has the authority to make the new just and reasonable rate retroactive to when the complaint case was filed, which means that the affected customers receive refunds (including interest) of the overcharges. By contrast, FERC does not have the same authority under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to provide for the reimbursement to a gas customer that is determined to have been paying an unjust and unreasonable rate after a complaint has been filed.

Under NGA Section 5, FERC can only rule that a rate reduction take effect prospectively after FERC's order is issued, which more often than not occurs years after a complaint is filed. Given the

time and expense of a complaint proceeding and the pipeline's obvious and strong incentive to delay the proceeding (since no refunds can be ordered under NGA Section 5), the absence of a refund-effective date provision in NGA Section 5 completely undermines its effectiveness. All of the sitting FERC Commissioners, including Chairman Wellinghoff and former Chairman Kelliher, have openly expressed support for legislation that addresses Section 5.

This issue is particularly important to public gas systems since more than 95% of them are served by just one pipeline, and many of those pipelines have not had their rates reviewed in many years. APGA has communicated to Congress that the current system is broken – it favors pipelines over consumers by allowing them to keep overcharges rather than giving consumers their money back when their rates are shown to be excessive.

The need for legislation to protect consumers is further highlighted by a study the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) released in March, 2009 that analyzed the cost recovery of 32 major pipelines based on data that the pipelines

routinely submit to FERC. The study shows, among other things, that “over a 5-year period [from 2003-2007], pipelines earned roughly \$3.7 billion more than they would have collected on an average 12% allowed return on equity. While pipelines have clearly performed effectively for their shareholders, it is just as clear that returns are at a point where FERC oversight is necessary.”

APGA is pushing for legislation that addresses NGA Section 5 as part of an energy package that the House and Senate will be working on. Recently, Senator Cantwell (D-WA) introduced legislation, S. 672 – The Natural Gas and Electricity Review and Enforcement Act, that addressed this issue. This issue will be considered by the Senate Energy Committee in the very near future. Please call the offices of Senators Brownback and Roberts and urge them to support legislation that addresses Section 5 of the Natural Gas Act immediately. You can reach them through the congressional operator at 202-224-3121. If you need additional information or have any questions on this article, you may contact Dave Schryver of APGA's staff by phone at 202-464-2742 or by email at [dschryver@apga.org](mailto:dschryver@apga.org).

## KMU Signs Joint Letter on Natural Gas Rate Reform

KMU has joined an effort led by the American Public Gas Association (APGA) to reform the manner by which natural gas rates are reviewed and set. Currently, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has only limited powers under the Natural Gas Act to provide natural gas customers compensation for over collection by pipelines.

This issue was recently addressed in legislation introduced by Senator Maria Cantwell, S. 672 – The Natural Gas and Electricity

Review and Enforcement Act, and seeks parity in FERC's authority to require just and reasonable rates for both natural gas and electricity customers. Currently, only electric customers may seek refunds for over collection. Under the Federal Power Act, if a complaint is filed and FERC rules that the rate the customers have paid was unjust and unreasonable, FERC has the authority to order refunds from and after the date the complaint case was filed. By contrast, FERC does not have the same authority under the Natural Gas Act to

provide for the reimbursement to a gas customer that is determined to have been paying an unjust and unreasonable rate after a complaint has been filed.

KMU joined a coalition of natural gas customers in sending a letter to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman supporting S. 672. For more information on this issue, please contact Colin Hansen at [chansen@kmunet.org](mailto:chansen@kmunet.org).

# KMU Conference 2009

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cities and organizations to develop courageous leaders. Collie discusses several key components of effective leadership in his article, "US Army Rangers & Leadership Essentials" found on pages 6-7.

## Concurrent Session Tracks

Following the success of previous conferences, KMU will again offer concurrent session tracks targeted

toward superintendents and water and wastewater staff in addition to a more general track. Topics for these sessions have been suggested and developed in response to member suggestions.

For a complete Conference preview, please visit the conference link on the KMU website at [www.kmunet.org](http://www.kmunet.org). Register today and we will see you in Wichita!

## Employment

### Journeyman Lineman

Full-time, Electric Journeyman Lineman position opening with City of Eudora. 5 years experience with journeyman certification. Knowledge or experience with construction and maintenance of overhead and underground electric distribution system. Job description available – call 785-542-2153 or send written request to City Hall, PO Box 650, Eudora, KS 66025. Residency required 30 minute drive of city. Position open until filled. EEO.

### Energy Management System Technician

(\$5,242.00 - \$6,552.00 - \$7,244.00 Per Month)

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (KCBPU) is seeking a qualified professional to fill the position titled Energy Management System (EMS) Technician.

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or in a field related to high availability computer systems or electrical power systems is required.
- Three (3) years experience in relational database administration, network administration, computer security or any EMS related technical discipline is required.
- Documented experience with high-level language compilers such as Visual Fortran and Visual C++, all Microsoft Office applications and Windows operating systems is required.
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### Lineman

(\$34.70 Per Hour)

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (KCBPU) is seeking a qualified professional to fill the position titled Lineman. The successful candidate will install, maintain and remove overhead and underground electric lines equipment and facilities.

- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Must have completed a recognized apprentice program for Journeyman Lineman or have satisfactory equivalency.
- Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license as required by the State of Kansas for vehicle(s) operated.

Please complete the online application at [www.bpu.com](http://www.bpu.com). For additional information, you may contact Human Resources at 913.573.6915 or e-mail [deleon@bpu.com](mailto:deleon@bpu.com). EOE - F/M/V/D

### Certified Welder

(Hourly Pay: \$33.77)

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (KCBPU) is seeking a qualified professional to fill the position titled Certified Welder. The successful candidate will be required to weld metal parts together according to layouts or work orders, using brazing, soldering, gas or electric arc welding processes.

- Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Must possess five (5) years' experience as a certified welder, certified to perform welding on vessels with 1800 pounds pressure.
- Must pass certification test conducted pertaining to high pressure and high temperature boiler type welding.

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### Senior Transmission and Distribution Engineer

(\$6,634.00 - \$8,293.00 - \$9,167.00 Per Month)

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (KCBPU) is seeking a qualified professional to fill the position titled Senior Transmission and Distribution Engineer. The successful candidate will help ensure that the company's transmission and distribution system is properly designed, constructed and maintained according to applicable standards by coordinating all work performed by transmission and distribution staff.

- Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from an ABET accredited engineering program.
- Must have a Professional Engineer's registration in Electrical Engineering.
- Five (5) years experience as a Professional Engineer in the Utility industry is desirable.

- Three (3) years proven field experience in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of electrical distribution systems is also desirable.

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### Instrument and Control Engineer

(Monthly Salary Range: 5,871.00 - \$7,339.00 - \$8,113.00)

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (KCBPU) is seeking a qualified professional to fill the position titled Instrument and Control Engineer. The successful candidate will provide technical support for electric production operations and maintenance. The successful candidate will also serve as liaison and resident engineer for contractors and consultants.

- Must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from an accredited college and university.
- Must possess at least three (3) years experience in instrumentation and controls engineering in the power generation industry.
- Professional engineering license is desirable.

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- **KMU Electric Distribution Workshop & Lineman Rodeo**  
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McPherson, Kansas
- **KMU Power Plant Operator Workshop**  
October 21-23, 2009  
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