

AGENCY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Kansas Corporation Commission Rate Cases: Kansas Corporation Commission Rate Cases

Subprogram History

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Consequences of Not Funding This Subprogram

The effects of the pandemic on clients and DCF operations would be more severe.

Statutory Basis

American Rescue Plan Act P.L. No. 117-328 (2021), Section 9901(602-603).

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Discretionary	No	N/A	N/A

Legislative Work: Legislative Work

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Statutory Basis

KSA 66-1223(b).

Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	No	3	3

Other KCC Cases: Other KCC Cases

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Mandatory/Discretionary	MOE/Match Requirement	Program Priority	Subprogram Priority
Mandatory	No	2	2

Outreach Work: Outreach Work

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Mandatory	No	4	4
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Subprograms Without Narrative Data

AGENCY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
Kansas Corporation Commission Rate Cases: Kansas Corporation Commission Rate Cases								
Goal	Type	Measure						
Represents CURB constituents in KCC rate cases.	Outcome	Percent of rate reduction proposed by CURB on annual basis in utility rate cases	1.16%	78.00%	70.00%	73.40%	40.00%	50.00%
		Percentage of total filed rate cases in which CURB intervened on an annual basis	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Rate Savings less Rate Expenses (In Millions)	\$24.10	\$4.50	\$159.27	\$97.63	\$30.00	\$40.00
	Output	Total number of filed rate cases in which CURB intervened annually	3	3	2	4	3	3
Legislative Work: Legislative Work								
Goal	Type	Measure						
Represents CURB constituents in KCC rate cases.	Outcome	Annual savings achieved through CURB analysis and input in Kansas legislation versus the cost of outsourcing representation	\$38,000.00	\$83,695.00	\$88,263.00	\$83,038.00	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00
		Percent of total legislative bills which were modified due to comments/proposals made by CURB on an annual basis	13.00%	12.00%	24.00%	33.00%	33.00%	40.00%
	Output	Total number of filed rate cases in which CURB intervened annually	3	3	3	4	3	3

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
Represents CURB constituents in KCC rate cases.	Output	Total number of utility-related legislative bills analyzed and/or presented testimony before Kansas legislature on an annual basis	15	16	17	13	15	14

Other KCC Cases: Other KCC Cases

Goal	Type	Measure						
Represents CURB constituents in KCC rate cases.	Outcome	Annual savings achieved from CURB analysis and involvement in utility practices/programs cases versus the cost of outsourcing representation	\$1,100,000.00	\$692,986.00	\$607,272.00	\$837,246.00	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00
		Percentage of total filed rate cases in which CURB intervened on an annual basis	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
		Percentage of total filed utility practices/programs cases which CURB analyzed and/or intervened in on an annual basis	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	Output	Number of utility practice/program cases in which CURB intervened	29	34	49	38	35	38

Outreach Work: Outreach Work

Goal	Type	Measure						
Represents CURB constituents in KCC rate cases.	Outcome	Annual savings achieved by CURB outreach and representative/advisory work with ratepayers and other stakeholders versus the cost of outsourcing representation	\$126,000.00	\$112,157.00	\$87,795.00	\$124,590.00	\$80,000.00	\$85,000.00
		Percentage of the annual potential complainants who contacted CURB and to whom CURB provided advice and/or assistance	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

			2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate
Represents CURB constituents in KCC rate cases.	Output	Number of CURB constituents who contacted CURB with a question or complaint with whom CURB interacted on an annual basis	33	42	50	71	50	55

Footnotes