

KPP LIGHTNING ROUND**August 2026**

KPP 2026 Conference - Powering What's Next

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 - WICHITA, KANSAS

Save the date — the 2026 KPP Conference lands September 17th at KPP Energy headquarters in Wichita, and this year's lineup is one you won't want to miss.

Kick things off with coffee and conversation at 9 a.m., then settle in for a keynote that's already generating buzz: Dr. Jen Golbeck, University of Maryland professor and leading voice on AI and trust, will show you how to build confidence between your team and the AI tools reshaping the workplace.

From there, the day dives straight into the issues facing public power communities. Colin Hansen and Kimberly Gencur Svaty tackle the electric industry's rapid transformation while the LKM's Nathan Eberline breaks down the property tax fight state lawmakers will revisit next session. Afternoon breakouts cover the squeeze of the Revenue Neutral Rate and the newly enforceable NFPA 70B maintenance standard, and Deep Fission's Bryan Black takes the stage to explain how a mile-underground "Gravity" reactor could bring nuclear baseload power to Kansas communities. We end the day with an election preview featuring Kansas Senate Majority Leader Chase Blasi and Josh Svaty.

Of course, it's not all business. Stop by the KPP "Merch Tent" for your pick of conference swag, catch member spotlight videos from Clay Center and Lucas, and stick around for Taco & Trivia Night to close things out.

Whether you're coming for the keynote, the legislative updates, or the trivia bragging rights, this is the one KPP event where the whole membership comes together. Reserve your spot and your room today at kpp.energy — see you in September!

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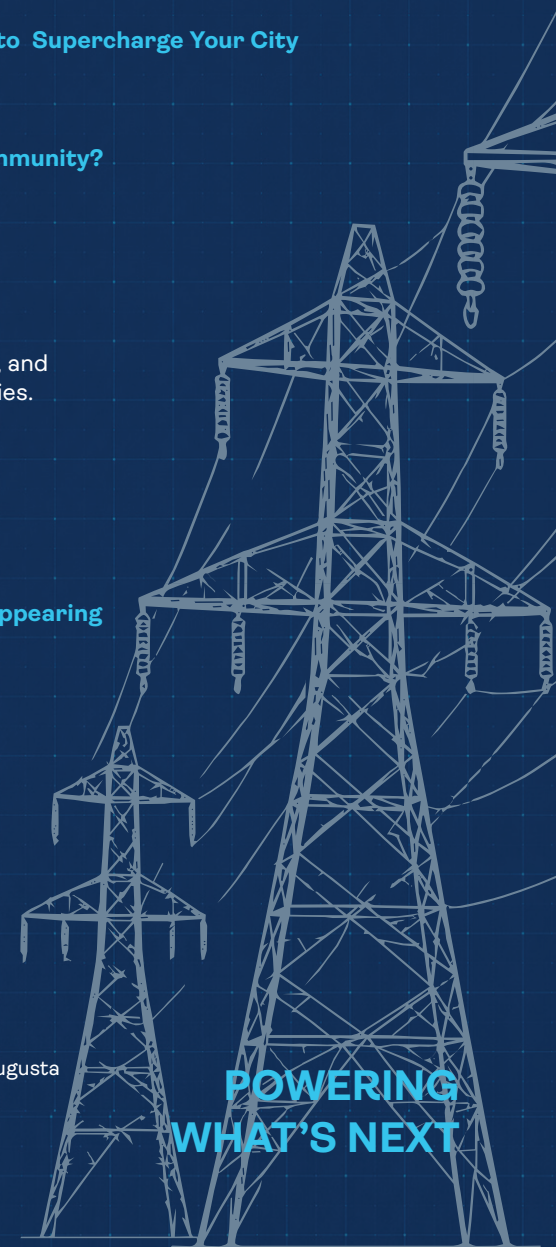
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KPP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026



SCHEDULE

- 9:00 A.M. COFFEE HOUR**
Kick off the conference by networking with colleagues over complimentary coffee and breakfast. Greater Grounds will provide a full selection of espressos, lattes, pastries, and light bites.
- 9:30 A.M. WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING**
Colin Hansen, CEO & General Manager | KPP Energy
- 9:45 A.M. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - Building Trust Between Humans and AI to Supercharge Your City**
Jen Golbeck, AI & Digital Behavior Expert | Professor, University of Maryland
- 10:45 A.M. REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 11:00 A.M. THE CHANGING ELECTRIC INDUSTRY - How Will It Impact Your Community?**
Colin Hansen, CEO & General Manager | KPP Energy
Kimberly Gencur Svaty, Founder & CEO | Gencur Svaty Public Affairs
- 12:00 P.M. LUNCH**
Catered by Texas Roadhouse
- 12:45 P.M. KPP - Working For You**
A comprehensive update on KPP Energy's ongoing programs, activities, and initiatives, as well as key issues affecting the Agency and its member cities.
- 1:30 P.M. MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS**
Clay Center & Lucas
- 1:45 P.M. PROPERTY TAX - What to Expect in the Property Tax Debate**
Nathan Eberline, Executive Director | League of Kansas Municipalities
- 2:30 P.M. BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
Revenue Neutral, Costs Rising: Why Your City's Cash Is Quietly Disappearing
Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC
What's New in NFPA 70B and Why It Matters to You
Chris Myers, Project Engineer | Interstates
- 3:15 P.M. REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 3:30 P.M. SPEAKER**
Deep Fission
Bryan Black, Vice President of Business Development | Deep Fission
- 4:15 P.M. LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE**
2026 Election Preview & Implications on Public Power
Chase Blasi, Kansas Senate Majority Leader
Josh Svaty, Former Secretary of Agriculture
- 4:50 P.M. PRESIDENT'S REPORT & CLOSING COMMENTS**
Tim Johnson, 2026 KPP Energy President | Director of Public Utilities, City of Augusta
- 5:00 P.M. COCKTAIL HOUR | KPP TACOS & TRIVIA NIGHT**



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



JEN GOLBECK, AI & DIGITAL EXPERT

Building Trust Between Humans and AI to Supercharge Your City

As artificial intelligence (AI) becomes a game changer in the future of work, fostering trust between humans and machines is crucial for maximizing efficiency, ethical responsibility, and profitability. Join Dr. Golbeck, an accomplished computer scientist and leading expert in AI and trust, as she reveals the secrets to building trust between humans and AI, unlocking the full potential of technology, and supercharging your business's success. With her insights, you will be able to assess and build trust between your team and AI systems, paving the way for seamless collaboration and giving your team a competitive edge.

CHASE BLASI, KANSAS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

2026 Election Preview & Implications on Public Power

Chase Blasi serves as Majority Leader of the Kansas Senate, representing District 26 in Sedgwick County. A Colwich native and Andale High School graduate, he earned his bachelor's degree from Newman University and began his public service on the Colwich City Council while still in high school. Before joining the Senate in 2023, Blasi served as legislative policy director for the Kansas Department of Revenue and chief of staff to Senate Presidents Susan Wagle and Ty Masterson. Elected Majority Leader in 2024, his legislative work includes state and local government, economic development, taxation, and public policy.

NATHAN EBERLINE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES

Election Preview & Implications on Public Power

With critical state and federal elections on the horizon in 2026, this session offers a timely look at the legislative and regulatory landscape shaping public power. It will preview key races and policy fights to watch and what their outcomes could mean for municipal utilities across Kansas.

BRYAN BLACK, VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT | DEEP FISSION

Deep Fission

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CHRIS MYERS, PROJECT ENGINEER | INTERSTATES

What's New in NFPA 70B and Why It Matters to You

NFPA 70B, once a recommended practice for electrical equipment maintenance, was elevated to an enforceable standard in its 2023 edition, changing what's expected of utilities and their maintenance programs.

SCOT LOYD | LOYD GROUP, LLC

Revenue Neutral, Costs Rising: Why Your City's Cash Is Quietly Disappearing

Kansas cities are feeling a quiet squeeze. The Revenue Neutral Rate holds property tax dollars to last year's level while inflation has climbed more than 30% since 2021. Cash balances shrink, electric funds are tapped more often, and many cities still lag behind average Kansas electric rates.

EVENT HIGHLIGHT

HAPPY HOUR @ 5 P.M.

Take this time to head to the Marriott via Lyft to check in and return for connection with peers during cocktail hour with your favorite drinks.

TACOS & TRIVIA

Taco Bar • Hosted Trivia • Prize Giveaways

KPP MERCH TENT

Swing by the KPP "merch tent" to choose a conference giveaway item that fits your style. Just like a good music festival, there will be a wide variety of fun and useful items to pick from. First come, first served!

KPP 2026 Conference - Powering What's Next

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9 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Come network with your colleagues before the conference begins. Espressos, lattes & other coffee drinks – along with pastries and other food – will be provided by local coffee shop Greater Grounds.

9:30 a.m.

Welcome & Housekeeping

9:45 a.m.

Keynote Presentation

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*Jen Golbeck, AI & Digital Behavior Expert
Professor, University of Maryland*

10:45 a.m.

Refreshment Break

11 a.m.

The Changing Electric Industry: How Will It Impact Your Community?

The electric industry is undergoing rapid, interconnected change — from surging data center and large-load demand, to shifting federal and state energy policy, to

rising generation and infrastructure costs. This session will unpack what's driving these changes and what they mean for the reliability, affordability, and planning decisions facing the KPP membership.

*Colin Hansen, CEO & General Manager, KPP Energy
Kimberly Gencur Svaty, CEO, Gencur Svaty Public Affairs*

12:00 p.m.

Lunch (Catered by Texas Roadhouse)

12:45 p.m.

KPP – Working for You

A comprehensive update on KPP Energy's ongoing programs, activities, and initiatives, as well as key issues affecting the Agency and its member cities.

- **Operations – James Ging**
- **Strategy & Markets – Eric Alexander**
- **Finance – Vickie Matney**
- **Energy Services – Mike Shook**
- **Member Services – Leslie Atherton**

1:30 p.m.

Member Spotlights - Clay Center & Lucas

Get an inside look at the people, priorities, and unique stories that make Clay Center and Lucas such important members of the KPP Energy community.

1:45 p.m.

What to Expect in the Property Tax Debate

An important update on key legislative and policy developments affecting Kansas cities and towns. Particular attention will be given to the status of property tax legislation, including this year's high-profile fight over capping municipal revenue growth and what municipalities can expect when lawmakers revisit the issue next session.

*Nathan Eberline, Executive Director
League of Kansas Municipalities*



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Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC

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*Chris Myers, Project Engineer
Interstates*

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design places small modular reactors a mile underground and has selected a Kansas site for its Department of Energy pilot program. Attendees will hear directly from the company on how this technology works, its timeline toward commercial deployment, and what it could mean for public power communities across Kansas.

*Bryan Black, Vice President of Business Development
Deep Fission*

4:15 p.m.

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*Kansas Senate Majority Leader Chase Blasi
Josh Svaty, Former Secretary of Agriculture*

4:50 p.m.

President's Report & Closing Comments

*Tim Johnson, 2026 KPP Energy President
Director of Public Utilities, City of Augusta*

5 p.m.

KPP Member Reception

Lyft Transportation Available To/From Hotel

6 p.m.

KPP Taco & Trivia Night

- Taco Bar
- Trivia & Door Prizes



Data Center Impacts – Opinions Vary Amongst Communities

ERIC ALEXANDER, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY



At one point when you heard about large technology company buildouts, they were located around larger cities that had robust infrastructure. But with the latest data center explosion, developers are looking for communities that have

cheap land, low electricity rates, and infrastructure available for both large and small projects. However, due to public backlash, these companies are doing their homework and looking for communities that are open to partnerships. Here are a few examples of how communities have been impacted by these large load customers.

The Success Story – From Crops to Compute

For a small Washington town of 5,300 people, a Microsoft data center with 20 buildings spanning over two million square feet was never a thought. Until it was. Selected by Microsoft to build their largest data center in the world, the rural town of Quincy, Washington had several endearing qualities such as abundant energy from local hydroelectric projects and an established fiber network.

Over the last 20 years, Microsoft, as well as other data centers locating in Quincy, have poured money into the once budget strapped town. In addition to the tax revenue, the town has a new library, police station, medical center, fire station, EMS station, and a new high school. However, with all that growth there are some challenges as well. The data centers use more than a third of the local utility's power, and residential rates have trended upward. But for now, the tradeoff still looks favorable for the residents.

A Cautionary Tale – The State of Illinois

Illinois has its fair share of data centers who have established residency in the “Land of Lincoln”. However, varying cities’ assessments have been mixed. Take the city of Dekalb, where Meta has paid tens of millions of dollars to the city, improving city services and schools, as well as grants for the nonprofit communities. According to City Manager Bill Nicklas, those investments have been “transformational.”

However, looking to the east, John Laesch, the mayor of Aurora, recently stated that even though its data centers provide significant tax payments, they don't outweigh the downside impacts. The residents of Aurora complain about the low-level noise coming from the data centers, the strain on their electric grid, and worry about the long-term risk to the climate.

The Abrupt Pause – States and Communities Reconsidering

In some areas of the country, public backlash has been impossible for state regulators to ignore. A significant number of states and cities have enacted large load moratoriums, varying in duration. Some reasons include concerns about the transmission grid, water usage, noise, land use conflicts, temporary vs permanent jobs, legal disputes, and rate impacts.

As the data center boom continues to reshape the energy landscape, the communities that fare best won't necessarily be the ones that say yes fastest, they'll be the ones that negotiate the hardest. That means securing binding commitments on infrastructure costs, water use, and ratepayer protections before the shovels hit the ground, not after the complaints start rolling in.



What Recent Water Utility Cyber Attacks Mean for Municipal Electric Utilities

NICK ENSLINGER, DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY



The Recent Wave of Attacks

Over the weekend of July 26, 2026, cyberattackers coordinated a disruption to more than 30 community water systems in Minnesota. Within days, similar activity had affected water and wastewater utilities in at least a dozen other states,

from Georgia to South Dakota. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) confirmed the incidents and issued a [joint alert](#) on July 30 describing a “significant escalation” in attacks against internet-exposed programmable logic controllers (PLCs).

The method behind the attacks was not difficult to implement. Attackers simply accessed controllers that were directly connected to the public internet, changed the passwords to lock out operators, and altered device settings. In some cases, utilities were forced to switch to manual

operations and some issued boil-water notices as a precaution. CISA specifically named Rockwell Automation MicroLogix controllers, along with Siemens and Schneider Electric devices, noting that thousands of each brand remain exposed to the open internet.

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Recent cyberattacks against U.S. water systems are a warning of the exposure facing every operator of internet-connected industrial control systems, electric utilities included.



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This Is Also an Energy-Sector Problem

The water utility incidents may have made the headlines, but they were not the only issue. CISA's [April 2026 Advisory](#) on this same PLC-targeting campaign, attributed to Iran-affiliated actors operating under the CyberAv3ngers persona, went out simultaneously to the energy sector, alongside water, wastewater, and government facilities. The cited vulnerability in all cases is the same: PLCs, remote terminal units (RTUs), and relays performing substation automation, managing distributed energy resources, and balancing generation are just as likely to be exposed to the internet as the controllers hackers used to seize control of water systems.

Industry analysts have been blunt about the risk. If the same class of controllers compromised in the water attacks were compromised at a substation or generation facility, the consequence would not be a boil-water notice; it would be a loss of power generation or distribution capability for communities.

“In a geopolitical crisis, the critical infrastructure organizations Americans rely on must be able to continue delivering—at a minimum—crucial services. They must be able to isolate vital systems from harm, continue operating in that isolated state, and quickly recover any systems that an adversary may successfully compromise.”

— Nick Andersen
CISA Acting Director

In response, CISA launched its “CI Fortify” initiative in May 2026, instructing electric utilities to plan for scenarios where operational technology (OT) networks are already compromised or where connectivity to telecommunications, the internet, and vendors is lost entirely. The shift in federal guidance, from “keep attackers out” to “isolation and recovery” should influence how every KPP Member City approaches its own control systems.

Recommended Safeguards for KPP Member Cities

The following measures, drawn from current CISA, FBI, and EPA guidance, apply directly to the substation, generation, and distribution control systems operated by KPP Member Cities:

1. Eliminate direct internet exposure of control systems. Any PLC, RTU, relay, or human-machine interface (HMI) used for substation automation, generation control, or distributed energy resource management must not be directly reachable from the public internet. This overlooked exposure was a common factor in every incident in the recent attack wave.
2. Require secure remote access. All remote access to OT systems should only route through a virtual private network (VPN), or a dedicated secure access gateway, and never have an unprotected, internet-facing connection to a controller.
3. Change all default credentials. Every field device should carry unique, non-default credentials. It appears attackers in the recent campaign succeeded in large part by logging in with vendor-default passwords that were simply never changed.

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4. Segment IT and OT networks. OT and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) networks should be logically and physically separated from corporate IT networks, limiting how far an intrusion can spread if either side is compromised.
5. Maintain an accurate OT asset inventory. Each Member City should identify every internet-facing control system asset before an attacker does. An external exposure scan of public IP ranges is a low-cost first step.
6. Plan and test for manual, disconnected operation. Consistent with CISA's "CI Fortify" guidance, Member Cities should document and test procedures for manual operation if OT networks are compromised or disconnected from outside connectivity altogether.
7. Establish controls for unpatched systems. Because industrial control system (ICS) equipment often cannot be patched or rebooted on a routine IT cadence, Member Cities should document monitoring and detection controls that cover the gap between planned maintenance windows.
8. Pre-establish an incident reporting channel. Member Cities should know their FBI field office and CISA regional contact before an incident occurs, not during one, to ensure a fast, coordinated response.

More details on the joint NCSC/CISA guidance Secure Connectivity Principles for Operational Technology (OT) can be found at [this link](#).

In Summary

The water utility attacks of 2026 succeeded because of exposure, not a sophisticated cyberattack. This warning applies to electric infrastructure as well. The same controllers, default-password weaknesses, and the lack of segmentation exist across much of the nation's energy grid. Member Cities should plan to implement or verify their use of the safeguards mentioned above.



KPP Energy Featured in APPA Member Spotlight

NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF KPP ENERGY PROGRAMS AND MEMBER SERVICES

KPP Energy was recently featured by the American Public Power Association (APPA), which highlighted the value the joint action agency brings to its member communities across Kansas. The August 18th article, based on an interview with CEO and General Manager Colin Hansen, offered a detailed look at how KPP supports the 24 municipalities it serves.

The article spotlighted the KPP team, who bring a combined 180-plus years of municipal and public power experience to the table, including engineers, accountants, former public power operators, a former city clerk, an IT professional, and legal counsel. Hansen described KPP's guiding philosophy as functioning like "an extension of the staff" for member communities, reinforcing the agency's hands-on, service-first approach.

APPA detailed the breadth of member services that KPP provides, from distribution system assessments and project management to accounting, budgeting, and grant application support. The article also covered KPP's rate design work, noting the agency recently completed a comprehensive rate review and two special rate designs, with three additional reviews currently underway.

A major highlight was KPP's solar development initiative. With funding secured through the USDA Rural Utilities Service's Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) program, KPP is developing 18 megawatts of solar generation across seven member communities, with individual projects ranging from 1 to 6 megawatts. The projects make use of non-developable municipal land, such as sites at wastewater and water treatment facilities, and include provisions benefiting low-income customers.

The feature also noted KPP's new video series showcasing member municipalities, which recently premiered with an episode featuring the Clay Center Public Utility Commission. A new KPP member spotlight video featuring the City of Lucas will premiere at the KPP 2026 Conference.

This national recognition underscores the tangible benefits of KPP membership. Read the full article at publicpower.org.



TAPS Group Names Suzanne Lane Executive Director

LANE TO JOIN TAPS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2026

Suzanne Lane has been named as the new executive director of the Transmission Access Policy Study Group (TAPS). Lane will succeed Tom Heller, who has served as executive director since 2024 and has announced his retirement. She will assume the position on November 4, 2026, following the TAPS Fall Conference.

Lane brings more than 25 years of energy industry experience, including nearly six years as executive vice president and chief executive officer of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo).

Many KPP members will also remember Suzanne's nearly 20 year tenure with Westar Energy. While at Westar, she interacted with many Kansas public power systems as the utility's Wholesale Transmission Customer Service Manager and, previously, as Wholesale Manager of Generation & Marketing. She started with Evergy in 1998 as a Financial Analysts.

"Suzanne's diverse industry experience, technical expertise, and executive leadership make her a great fit for TAPS, its members, and the policies the organization works to advance," said TAPS chair Jane Cirrincione, Assistant General Manager of the Northern California Power Agency. "We are pleased to welcome Suzanne and look forward to her leadership guiding TAPS into this next critical chapter."

As executive director, Lane will serve as the organization's chief executive and principal spokesperson, providing strategic leadership, policy advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and operational management. She will report directly to the TAPS Board of Directors.

"I look forward to joining TAPS, collaborating with the Board, and partnering with TAPS members to advance national policies that protect the interests of consumers in

energy markets across the country," said Lane. "The TAPS mission centered on securing affordable, reliable, and sustainable transmission service has never been more important than it is today and I am enthusiastic about the work ahead."

TAPS is a national association representing 31 transmission-dependent electric utilities operating in 39 states. For nearly four decades, TAPS has advanced policies that promote open and non-discriminatory transmission access, competitive wholesale electricity markets, and risk-based regulation.

KPP Energy is a member of TAPS and KPP CEO and General Manager Colin Hansen is a member of the organization's Board of Directors.

TAPS works closely with federal policymakers, regulators, industry organizations, and member utilities to ensure that transmission-dependent utilities have a strong and effective voice in shaping the future of the electric industry.



Fifteen U.S. Senators Urge Federal Action on Wildfire Risk Reduction

U.S. SENATOR JERRY MORAN JOINS LETTER SUPPORTED BY APPA

Fifteen U.S. senators, led by Senator Tim Sheehy (R-MT), sent a letter last week to the secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture urging stronger federal action to reduce wildfire risk near electric infrastructure.

The letter calls on the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to use their existing authority under Section 512 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act to improve right-of-way maintenance for power lines crossing public lands and national forests.

The American Public Power Association (APPA), together with the Edison Electric Institute and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, worked to promote the letter and encourage senators to sign on.

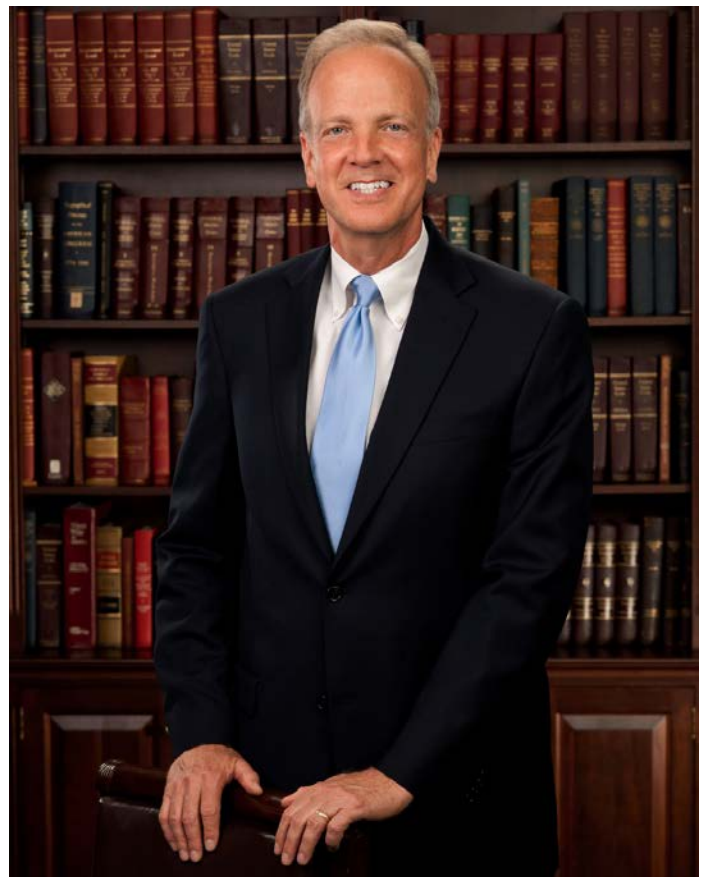
Notably for KPP, Kansas Senator Jerry Moran was among the signers, joining colleagues from Montana, Utah, North Dakota, Idaho, Arkansas, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Alaska, and Nebraska.

The full list of signers includes: Tim Sheehy (R-MT), Steve Daines (R-MT), John Curtis (R-UT), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Jim Risch (R-ID), John Boozman (R-AR), John Hoeven (R-ND), Jerry Moran (R-KS), John Barrasso (R-WY), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), James Lankford (R-OK), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Pete Ricketts (R-NE), Mike Crapo (R-ID), and Tom Cotton (R-AR).

At its core, the letter addresses a persistent operational challenge for public power utilities: vegetation and right-of-way maintenance along power line corridors that cross federal land. Overgrown vegetation near transmission and distribution infrastructure is a leading contributor to

wildfire ignition risk, and utilities have long sought clearer, more consistent federal cooperation to keep those corridors properly maintained.

Utilities in the West and Great Plains often must coordinate with multiple federal land managers to complete routine maintenance, and slow-moving approval processes can leave vegetation unmanaged longer than utilities would prefer. By pointing to the authority that federal agencies already have under FLPMA, the senators are pressing for faster administrative action rather than new legislation.



August Board Meeting Review

COLIN HANSEN, CEO / GENERAL MANAGER



The KPP Energy Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on August 20, 2026, in Wichita and virtually. A summary of highlights from the meeting is provided here.

July 2026 ECA

Chief Operating Officer James Ging provided the July ECA presentation, showing the resulting ECA was negative \$0.01446 versus budgeted negative \$0.00457.

KMU Update

Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) Deputy Director Greg DuMars delivered an update to the Board, covering the association's Data Center / Large Load Toolkit, the future of property taxes in Kansas, Kansas Legislative interim committees, and other federal and state legislative and regulatory issues.

CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer Colin Hansen provided industry updates, covering American Public Power Association's August 2026 Congressional Recess Memo, highlights from the Summer 2026 edition of the Membership Newsletter of the Transmission Access Policy Study Group (TAPS), as well as a recent letter to electric utility CEOs from NERC CEO Jim Robb.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Vickie Matney presented the preliminary written financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2026, showing a change in net position of \$196,507. Total assets for June 2026 came in at \$174.3

million. Collection and Disbursement of Generation Resource ECA Funds totaled \$10.0 million.

Market Report

Chief Strategy Officer Eric Alexander provided the market report, including weather outlooks, heating and cooling degree days, load prices, average energy prices, marginal congestion cost forecast vs. actual, Energy Information Administration's short-term energy outlook, working gas storage, long-term natural gas prices, as well as crude oil prices from West Texas Intermediate (WTI). He also provided information on KPP generation revenues and load costs.

Dogwood Energy Facility Expansion

KPP staff provided an update on the Dogwood Energy Facility Expansion Project. The timeline, inclusive of deadlines, was provided and listed October 15th as a key decision point. To that end, Hansen recommended and the Board agreed to hold a Board work session for this topic on September 16th.

PACE Project Update

Chief Operating Officer James Ging provided a comprehensive update on the status of the PACE solar project. The project remains on track with energization and final completion still planned for the end of the year.

CAT Generation Project Update

The Caterpillar C175 generation project continues to advance with site development and equipment procurement underway, Director of Energy Services Mike Shook reported. He outlined the schedule for air permitting for each of the sites, noting the target issuance date is mid to late October 2026.



Event Calendar

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

KPP Annual Conference

OCTOBER 15, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

KPP Rate Forum

NOVEMBER 19, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

DECEMBER 11, 2026

KPP Annual Membership Meeting

JANUARY 21, 2027

KPP Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 25, 2027

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MARCH 18, 2027

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