

ANDREW FRENCH
Kansas Corporation Commission

Andrew French was appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission in June 2020. He served as chairperson in 2021 and from 2023-present and was reappointed to the for a second term in 2024. He currently serves as the Kansas representative to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and regularly participates in various SPP stakeholder groups, including the Regional State Committee (RSC), of which he was the 2023 president. He also served as a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Joint Federal-State Task Force on Electric Transmission for its full duration from 2021-2024. Before his appointment to the KCC, Andrew practiced law with a focus on energy policy and the regulation of utility rates and services. He represented a broad spectrum of energy stakeholders, including large industrial energy customers, local school districts, and a natural gas utility company. Prior to working in private practice, he was a staff litigation attorney with the KCC. During his tenure from 2012-2017, French held a number of positions within the agency, including as senior litigation counsel representing the KCC Staff in litigated administrative proceedings. He also advised the KCC on legal, electric reliability, and cost-recovery issues associated with actions of SPP, FERC, and the US Environmental Protection Agency. French has a BA in environmental studies from the University of Kansas and a JD from the University of Kansas School of Law.