ENERGY CRISIS

Over a two-week period in February, Kansas experienced record low temperatures which caused a skyrocketing demand for energy and, subsequently, a high cost to provide electricity and natural gas to customers.

Some cities in Kansas supply electricity and natural gas to customers. They do not control the cost or supply; they provide the delivery to houses and businesses.

WHAT CAUSED THE CRISIS?

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The long-range forecast was not showing extremely cold temperatures; winter has been generally mild.



= Record low

Etemperatures

for 2 weeks



In mid-February, a polar vortex of arctic temperatures affected multiple Midwest states.



With this extended and unexpected cold weather, utility providers had to buy gas and electricity at extremely high prices - exceeding 10-70x the normal prices.







