

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:34pm on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Michael Welton, Committee Assistant

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dave Vehslage, Verizon;

Coleen Jennison, Cox Cable;

John Idoux, Century Link;

Mike Scott, AT&T

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Senator Olson opened the meeting with a welcome to all committee guests. He announced that the minutes would be sent out on Friday and approved during the next Tuesday or Wednesday meeting.

### **Possible bill introductions**

No bill introductions were requested.

### **Update on telecommunications issues**

Senator Olson thanked John Idoux for organizing today's presentation.

Senator Olson called upon Dave Vehslage to provide an overview of Verizon ([Attachment #1](#)).

Senator Olson called upon Coleen Jennison to provide an overview of Cox and other cable providers ([Attachment #2](#)) .

Senator Olson called up John Idoux to provide an overview of Century Link ([Attachment #3](#)).

Senator Olson called upon Mike Scott to provide an overview of AT&T ([Attachment #4](#)). Rob Reynolds briefly discussed his company's proposal for a disaster recovery plan.

In response to questions and comments from Senators Francisco, Hawk and Olson the presenters emphasized the following points:

1.) Keep in mind that Kansas service providers work everyday building on a plan always looking a decade down the road.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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2.) While current bandwidth for most residential and business consumers is generally adequate for today's applications, industry is determined to work toward fulfilling the appetites of the more intense business and governmental users.

3.) While challenges like distance between services, population density issues and not being located with three miles of a network are ongoing, services and offerings continue to improve.

4.) Future industry direction, velocity and investment will be greatly influenced by ongoing FCC orders and directives.

Senator Olson thanked all the presenters for their input and all those who have worked together to make sure everyone has the quality and breadth of services Kansans enjoy today.

Senator Olson seeing no additional questions or comments closed the meeting at 2:21pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 20, 2015.