

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Don Myers at 9:00 a.m. on January 15, 1998 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Tom Burroughs

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Don Myers appointed a sub-committee to look into ways to lessen the regulatory authority for the Kansas Corporation Commission that is presently in the Retail Wheeling Task Force bill draft. The Chairman described that the purpose is to try to keep regulations down where we can and actually keep the market price down and in other areas. The Chairman appointed Representative Sloan as Chairman of the sub-committee and the additional sub-committee members are Representative Humerickhouse, Representative Johnson, Representative Stone, Representative Burroughs, Representative Klein and Representative Kuether. The Chairman welcomed the sub-committee to come with recommendations at anytime to the House Utilities Committee when they are ready to go with a report. The Chairman indicated that the sub-committee will sunset at the end of this session, it is up to them if they wish to have a vice-chairman and he asked them to work with Staff.

The Chairman asked if there were any bill introductions. The Chairman recognized Representative Alldritt who made a motion to introduce a bill to require written authorization before your long distance service is switched. Representative Stone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Representative Aurand who made a motion to introduce a bill to make the executive director of the Kansas Corporation Commission a Governor's appointment with the approval of the Senate. Representative Sloan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further bill introductions, the Chairman introduced Lynne Holt, Staff, of the Legislative Research Department, who continued the review and discussion on the Retail Wheeling Task Force draft bill and policy. Staff distributed a list of Kansas Electric Cooperatives (Attachment #1). Staff reviewed and discussed the following topics: Participation of, and Specific Issues Related to, Electric Cooperatives, Competitive Transition Costs and Mitigation. Questions and discussion followed. The topics are detailed in the Final Report of the Task Force on Retail Wheeling.

The Chairman notified the Committee that there will be two more days of discussion on the Retail Wheeling Task Force bill draft scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20 and January 21, 1998.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1998.

KANSAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, INC.

1. Alfalfa Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2. Ark Valley Electric Cooperative, Association, Inc.†
3. Brown-Atchison Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
4. Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
5. C&W Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
6. Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
7. CMS Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
8. Doniphan Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.
9. DS&O Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
10. Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative, Association, Inc.†
11. Jewell-Mitchell Cooperative Electric Company, Inc.†
12. Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
13. Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
14. Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc.‡
15. Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperation, Inc.†
16. Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
17. NCK Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
18. Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.
19. Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
20. Norton-Decatur Cooperative Electric Company, Inc.†‡
21. Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc.‡
22. PR&W Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
23. Radiant Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
24. Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
25. Sekan Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
26. Smoky Hill Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†
27. Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
28. Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
29. Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
30. United Electric Cooperative, Inc.†
31. Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.†‡
32. Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc.‡

KANSAS ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

Members are noted as † in listing for Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., above.

SUNFLOWER ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION

1. Northwest Kansas Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.
 2. Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Also, Members are noted as ‡ in listing for Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., above.*

† Also member of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
‡ Also member of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation

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Attachment 1