

Approved: February 1, 2000

Date

Carl Dean Holmes

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on January 19, 2000 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Janette Luehring, Chief of Telecommunications,
Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

HB 2290 - Repeal of statute relating to public utilities' loaning money and pledging credit.

Chairman Holmes provided some background on **HB 2290**. After returning to the House during the 1999 session, this bill was ruled materially altered and was returned to the Utilities Committee. Rep. Sloan addressed the Supplemental Note on the bill explaining the original bill requested a repeal of the statute requiring a utility company to apply to the KCC for approval before that utility can pledge its credit to a subsidiary. Rep. Sloan moved that there be a Substitute for House Bill 2290 that only includes the repeal of K.S.A. 66-1213. Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Sloan moved that the Committee report Sub HB 2290 favorable for passage. Rep. Kuether seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Alldritt will carry the bill.

Chairman Holmes directed the committee's attention to a new map that was distributed to correctly reflect the rate structure in one REC (Attachment 1).

Chairman Holmes welcomed Janette Luehring, Chief of Telecommunications, Kansas Corporation Commission, who briefed the committee on the status of various telecommunication dockets (Attachment 2). The dockets discussed included, but were not limited to, a general investigation into competition within the telecommunications industry and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's cost to provide local service (modification of the KUSF). Also distributed to the committee was a copy of the "Telecommunications Report to the 2000 Kansas Legislature" (Attachment 3).

Ms. Luehring responded to questions from Rep. Alldritt, Rep. Krehbiel, Rep. Long, Rep. Holmes, Rep. McClure, Rep. Kuether, Rep. Klein and Rep. Sloan.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

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JC Long	Ut. i. Corp Limited
George Welch	Barbee Assoc
Doug Smith	SITA
JANET BUCHANAN	KCC
JANETTE LAEHRING	KCC
ROSE MULVANY	KCC
SANDY REAMS	KCC
GLENDA CAFER	KCC
John Federico	KCTA
Larry Holtz	KCC
Glenda Coler	KCC
Dorothy Berhart	Dept. of Revenue
Ken Smith	DOR
STUART LINDY	KANW ELEC COOP
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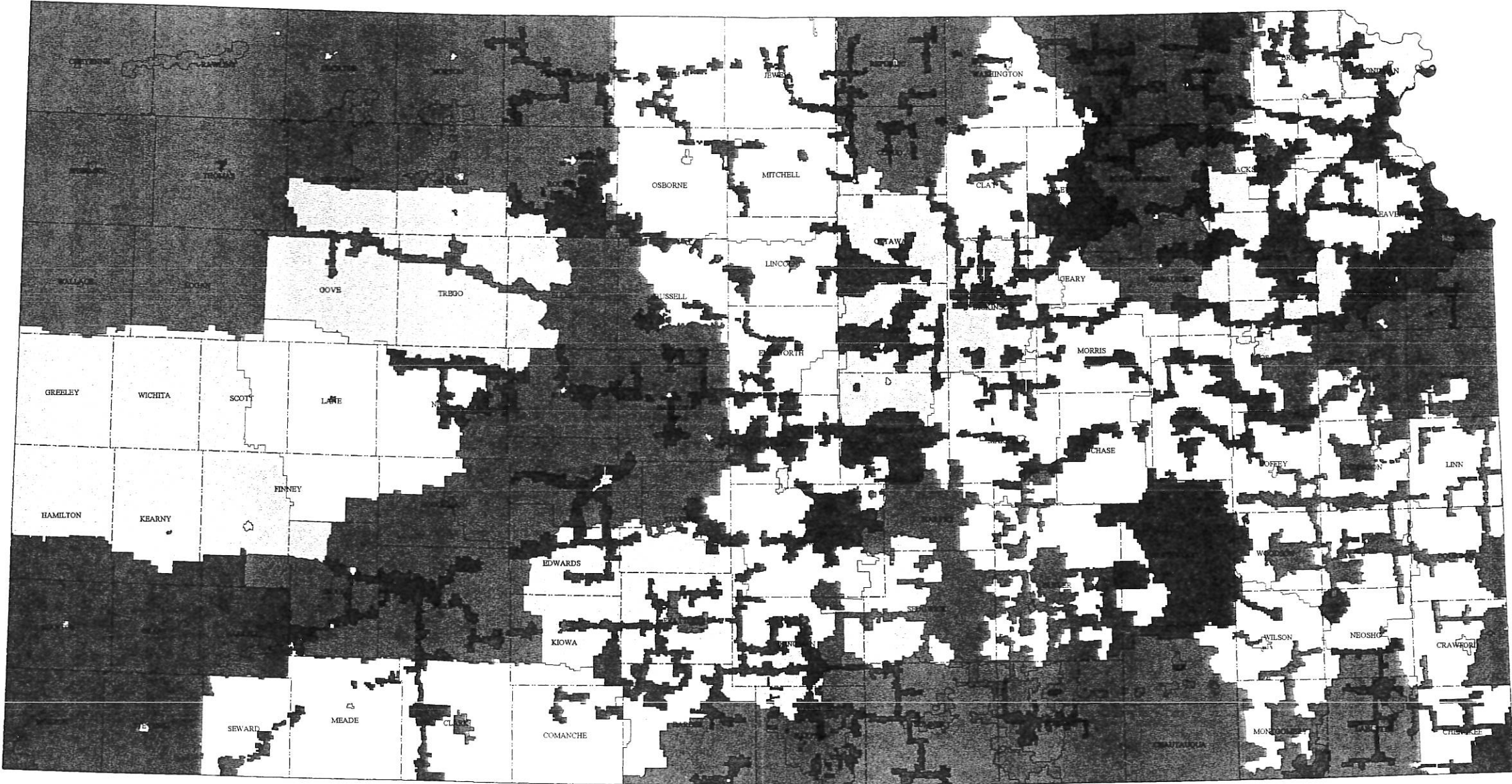
NAME	REPRESENTING
Matt Walters	Rep Dahl
Tom Gleason	Independent Telecom Group
Doug Lawrence	SWB
John D. Pringer	SITA
MARK CAPLINGER	St Ina Tel Assn.
Joseph Lawhorn	Post Audit
ED SCHITUB	WESTERN RESOURCES
Kathy Damon	SWB
Larrie Ann Lower	KS GOVT Consulting
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Jennifer Crow	Federico Consulting
Rob Ables	KTIA
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BRIAN HUDWALL	
Mike Reecht	AT&T
Bob FLAPPAN	AT&T
Mike Meuvay	Sprint
Jeff Wasamon	KLL
KAREN FRANCE	KAR

Kansas Average Electric Rates Cost per KWh



Region	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	All sectors
US Average	8.26	7.41	4.48	6.74
Kansas Average	7.65	6.34	4.46	6.28



10 0 10 20 30 40 50 Miles



Average Rate / KWh

- 3.343 - 6.398
- 6.398 - 7.774
- 7.774 - 9.309
- 9.309 - 10.801
- 10.801 - 13.923

Data from Department of Energy,
Energy Information Agency
Electric Sales and Revenue, 1998

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