

Approved: March 7, 2003 Carl Dean Holmes  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:06 a.m. on January 24, 2003 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Judy Morrison  
Representative Jerry Williams

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Randy Tomlin, SBC-Kansas

Others attending: See Attached List

**HB 2019 - State Corporation Commission prohibited from regulating high speed Internet access/  
broadband service**

SBC-Kansas distributed a document containing answers in response to questions from the committee on January 22 and 23 (Attachment 1).

Randy Tomlin, SBC-Kansas President, responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Debra Schmidt	WorldNet LLC
Debbie Snow	CNA
Brent Getty	CURB
Kim Sultz	KDOR
Bob Jayroe	SBC
Eddie Rodriguez	SBC
Jim Gardner	SBC
Randy Tomlin	SBC
Tom Aikenby	SBC
Mike Muffet	SBC
St. Jander	Indp.
Wanneta Browne	AT&T
Mike Recht	AT&T
Shirley Allen	SITA
Alex Cobb	KCCT
Mike Murray	Sprint
Andy Shaw	Worldnet LLC
John Rederico	KCTA
George Barber	RTAC
James Spiess	KTIA - Ks. Tel. Ind. Assn.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Talbot Gandana	Indo.
Elben Rightmaier	DFSC
Mike Moffet	SWBT
Debby W. G. Gyl	Hansco Inc
Bret LAWSON	KCC
Tom Day	KCC

## **SBC's Response to Oklahoma Broadband Parity Questions from 1/22 Committee Session**

After passage of the Oklahoma broadband bill in April, 2002, SBC announced millions of dollars of new investment in that state that will:

- Deploy DSL to 37 new communities that didn't have access
- Extended DSL deployment to more customers in 25 additional communities where DSL already existed through new Neighborhood Broadband Gateways
- Provide towns as small as Cherokee, Oklahoma, population 1,600, with DSL access
- Work has been completed on 4 (Sallisaw, Cushing, Mustang and Henryetta) of the communities and the target completion date for remaining communities is the end of 2003. Attached is more detail about DSL communities in Oklahoma.

We cannot say exactly how deployment of broadband technology resulting from passage of the Oklahoma Broadband Parity Act affected SBC in terms of specific job counts. It is self-evident that putting more equipment and lines in place takes more people. SBC's direct job growth aside, however, is it commonly accepted that broadband technology is a key attribute of community economic development. Expanding the economic development tools each community has will retain, attract, and expand business opportunities in a given community. As our communities grow and prosper, our opportunity to grow our business and grow jobs improves.

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Oklahoma communities to receive DSL Internet through increased investment following passage of HB 2796, bringing DSL to about 82,000 more homes and businesses:**

**37 Communities**

Anadarko	Antlers
Atoka	Blackwell
Bristow	Chandler
Cherokee	Cleveland
Cordell	Cushing
Dewey	Eufaula
Fairview	Ft. Gibson
Hartshorne	Healdton
Henryetta	Hobart
Holdenville	Mangum
Marlow	Muldrow
Mustang	Noble
Nowata	Okemah
Pawhuska	Perry
Sallisaw	Sayre
Skiatook	Spiro
Stigler	Vinita
Walters	Wewoka
Wynnewood	

**Oklahoma communities to receive new Neighborhood Broadband Gateways, bringing DSL to about 55,000 more homes and businesses.**

**25 Communities:**

Altus	Ardmore
Bartlesville	Chickasha
Claremore	Enid
Jenks	Lawton
McAlester	Miami
Midwest City	Muskogee
Norman	Oklahoma City
Okmulgee	Owasso
Ponca City	Sand Springs
Sapulpa	Seminole
Shawnee	Stillwater
Tahlequah	Tulsa
Woodward	

## Oklahoma rural communities that already have DSL

### 39 Communities

Ada	Alva
Altus	Ardmore
Bartlesville	Catoosa
Chickasha	Claremore
Clinton	Collinsville
Drumright	Duncan
Durant	Elk City
El Reno	Grove
Guthrie	Hugo
Idabel	Madill
McAlester	Miami
Muskogee	Nicoma Park
Okmulgee	Owasso
Pauls Valley	Ponca City
Pryor	Sand Springs
Seminole	Shawnee
Tahlequah	Tishomingo
Tonkawa	Weatherford
Westville	Wilburton
Woodward	