

Approved: February 8, 2005

Date

*Carl Dean Holmes*

## 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 11, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Melody Miller - Excused  
Representative Don Myers - Excused

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:

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the committee members and staff introduce themselves. Chairman Holmes then discussed the distributed committee rules and conferee rules.

Chairman Holmes then called for introduction of bills. A listing of proposed committee-sponsored legislation was distributed (Attachment 1). Representative Krehbiel moved to introduce the proposed items as committee bills. Representative Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Holmes shared items he had obtained that provided alternative methods of various telecommunications. One item was a box that provided a means to communicate by telephone over broadband connections. This process is called Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). The switching box is connected to the phone lines and broadband access lines. The second item was a switch box that allows internet access over electrical power lines. The box is plugged into a standard outlet and the internet connection is plugged into the box.

Chairman Holmes told the committee that there were plans to meet jointly with the Senate Utilities Committee for briefings on topical issues.

As there are a number of new members to the committee, Chairman Holmes allowed the guests in attendance to introduce themselves.

Also distributed to the committee members were glossaries for both telecommunication and electrical and gas terminologies.

Representative Sloan stated he had another issue he would like the committee to address and requested that an additional bill be introduced. Representative Sloan moved that a committee bill be introduced that addressed franchise and easement agreements as they related to new services. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
David Springle	Curv
Dave Hoffhaus	KEC
JOHN C. BOTTENBERG	WESTAR
John Federico	KCTA
Bruce GRIHAM	KEPCO
Joe Dick	KCBPU
Sandra Braden	Great Plains Energy
Whitney Danna	KS Gas Service
TOM DAY	KCC
Aimee Jones	KITA
Rob Mead	Hein Law Firm
Mike Beckett	Saches Braden
Chm. P. Bunn	Spruce
Denny Koch	SBC
Tom Bruno	EKO GA
Kimberly Gencer	Aquila
Steve Johnson	Kansas Gas Service
TERRY HOLDREN	KANSAS FARM BUREAU
John Peterson	Ks Government Consulting
Mike Murray	Sprint

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Zach Hauser	Legislative Intern to Tom Hawk
Kristina Helboldt	Intern for Rep. Watkins
Kim Gulley	LKM
STEVE KEARNEY	ALL TEL

## HOUSE UTILITIES COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS OF LEGISLATION

- KDFA funding for broadband providers in areas without a provider
- Prohibition of driving while using a cell phone
- Telephone Company requests
  - SBC
  - Sprint
- Payment by VoIP providers into E-911 and KUSF
- Price cap/rate-of-return regulation of LEC's on an exchange-by-exchange basis
- KCC proceedings to return LEC to rate-of-return regulation to achieve ubiquitous deployment of broadband
- Extension of KAN-ED
- Eligibility of telecommunications carriers for KUSF
- Payment of franchise fees by all TV providers
- Deregulation (KCC) of municipal electric utilities
- Hours of service requirements for utility truck drivers during disasters
- Creation of Kansas Electric Transmission Authority
- Life cycle costs requirement for new building construction at all levels of government
- Reduction of sales tax on energy efficient appliances
- Legislation relating to electric magnetic fields
- Requirement that state agencies (except fee-funded) to have obtain at least 2.5% of their electricity from Kansas' renewable generators by end of 2007 and 5% by end of 2010
- Amendments to municipal energy agency requirements relating to cash basis law, board of directors residency and UCC filings
- GRIPP (Grass Roots Innovative Policy Program) cost recovery of nonrevenue producing governmental mandates
- Requirement of certain information on royalty check stub (2004 SB 401)
- Encouragement of use of renewable energy by schools (previous bill, Iowa)
- NCSL Task Force recommendations regarding electric transmission
- Resolution urging Congress to remove sunset on production tax credit

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ATTACHMENT 1