

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:11 a.m. on February 22, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

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

HB 2279 - Municipal utility services; liens for unpaid charges, exceptions

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2279**. Representative Flora distributed an amended for the committee's consideration (Attachment 1). Representative Flora moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Mast moved to recommend HB 2279, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Jim Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Flora will carry the bill.

HB 2465 - Time limit for KCC action on electric utilities' recovery of transmission costs

Chairman Holmes opened the debate on **HB 2465**. Representative Sloan moved to amend 90 to 120 business days on line 32; 60 to 90 on line 41 and add 'apply only outside of a rate case including waiver to spend time if both parties agree and with good cause.' Representative Jim Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan moved to recommend HB 2465, as amended, favorable for passage. Representative Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Sloan will carry the bill.

Chairman Holmes announced the committee would hold a hearing on **HR 6019**. He also told the committee that following the turn-around there would be tours of SBC exchange facilities, Westar offices, and Wolf Creek Power Plant, as well as the Jeffery Energy Center on Tuesday, March 1.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.