

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on March 13, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Annie Kuether-excused
Tom Sloan-excused
Josh Svaty-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office
Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Trudy Forsyth, National Renewable Energy Lab
Lori Bird, National Renewable Energy Lab

Others attending:

Thirty-one including the attached list.

Trudy Forsyth, National Renewable Energy Lab, Golden, Colorado, (Attachment 1), came before the committee and gave a presentation on net metering relating to wind energy. She noted that the best way to get up to date information on net metering across the United States is to go to: DSIRE: Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency: <http://dsireusa.org/>.

Lori Bird, National Renewable Energy Lab, Golden, Colorado, (Attachment 2), presented to the committee, a slide presentation on the Current RPS policies that are in place in the United States. Additionally, she spoke to the committee about the wind shut down that happened in Texas, the analysis of that incident, and how they anticipate dealing with any future problems such as the one that occurred in Texas. She noted that there are some instances where wind is the most cost effective resource for electric generation, especially in the West.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Rob Olson, Vaughn Flora, Peggy Mast, Tom Moxley, Bill Light, Vern Swanson, and Carl Holmes.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.