

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on February 17, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ray Hammarlund, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Apple opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Bruce, seconded by Senator Petersen, to approve the minutes of the Senate Utilities Committee meetings held on February 5, 2009 and February 11, 2009. Motion carried.

Presentation on Kansas Energy Programs Division

Ray Hammarlund, Director, Kansas Corporation Commission Energy Programs Division, explained the mission statement of the Energy Programs Division is to promote energy conservation and efficiency in Kansas and to provide information on alternative energy and other energy topics. EPD has three primary functions: (1) administer energy efficiency programs; (2) deliver public information and outreach; and (3) foster coordination of state and federal initiatives and programs related to energy efficiency and alternative energy. He offered a detailed explanation of each of the EPD functions. The main energy efficiency program is the Facility Conservation Improvement Program (FCIP). A map of Kansas showing the FCIP projects in Kansas was discussed.

Liz Brosius, KCC, answered questions about their new updated website which will be designed to provide easy-to-access information on energy topics and issues and state and federal programs. The new website will be functioning soon.

Data on Kansas Electric Generation (1) summary of existing power plants; and (2) capacity and peak load, 2008 to 2028 was distributed. Color maps covering (1) Kansas wind resources; (2) Kansas solar resources; and (3) North American Cap-in-Trade Initiatives were discussed. (Attachment 1)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris  
Committee Assistant

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