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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Nile Dillmore-excused
Representative Annie Kuether-excused
Representative Reynaldo Mesa-excused
Representative Mike Slattery-excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research
Brian Turnbull, Kansas Legislative Research
Mike Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Tamara Lawrence, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patti Petersen-Klein-KCC
Curt Stamp- Cox Communications
Ann Hughes- AT&T
Dina Fisk- Verizon
Sprint-Patrick Fucik
John Idoux- Century Link
Rhonda Goddard- Nex Tech/Rural Telephone

Others in attendance:

Thirty including the attached list

Chairman Holmes made an announcement about the meetings for the remainder of the week.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Comments on the new FCC Order on Reform of the USF and Inter-carrier Compensation by the telecommunications industry.

KCC-Patti Petersen-Klein, ([Attachment 1](#)) spoke to the committee regarding the FCC's order on reform of the Universal Service and Inter-carrier Compensation. Her testimony included background information for Kansas Telecommunications that was enacted in 1996. She gave a brief overview of the current FCC order and national broadband plan. Additionally, she spoke about the docket opened by the KCC on this issue.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Forrest Knox.

Cox- Curt Stamp, ([Attachment 2](#)), spoke to the committee about their view on the FCC's recent order of the Universal Service Fund and Inter-carrier Compensation.

AT&T- Ann Hughes, ([Attachment 3](#)), offered testimony explaining their view on the FCC redefining the 21st century basic service as broadband, instead of traditional voice service.

Verizon- Dina Fisk, ([Attachment 4](#)), presented a statement from Verizon on the new FCC order. She notes that Kansans have access to voice and broadband services which do not receive government subsidies through Verizon.

Sprint-Patrick Fucik, ([Attachment 5](#)), spoke to the committee on Sprints opinion of the new FCC broadband order. They believe the FCC took long overdue steps towards modernizing regulations in a manner designed to benefit consumers. Included in their testimony were specific policy positions taken by Sprint.

Century Link-John Idoux, ([Attachment 6](#)), gave comments to the committee on the FCC's Universal Service and Inter-carrier Compensation Reform Order. The two key components in the order are: inter-carrier compensation (ICC) and universal service fund (USF).

Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone-Rhonda Goddard, ([Attachment 7](#)), spoke to the committee about the Nex-Tech position on the FCC's new ruling and its impact on their company.

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Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Gail Finney, Tom Sloan, and Carl Holmes.

The Kansas Municipal Utilities handed out a document to the committee (Attachment 8), on the EPA, RICE, and NESHAP update.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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