

Approved: March 1, 2012

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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 Thursday, January 19, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Reynaldo Mesa—excused

Representative Don Schroeder—excused

Representative Joe Seiwert—excused

Representative Mike Slattery—excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research

Brian Turnbull, Kansas Legislative Research

Mike Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes

Renae Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patti Peterson-Klein, KCC

David Springe-CURB

Others in attendance:

Sixteen including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2436- Concerning public utilities and issuance of certificate of public convenience

Matt Sterling, Revisor of Statutes, (Attachment 1) presented a short memo explaining **HB 2436** to the committee.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Gail Finney, Vern Swanson, Carl Holmes, and Annie Kuether.

Proponents

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Patti Petersen-Klien-KCC, (Attachment 2) testified in support of **HB 2436** to the committee. She noted that prescribing a deadline for response ensures a predictable turnaround time and gives a measure of confidence to new companies seeking certification as a public utility in Kansas.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, and Tom Sloan.

Opponents

Dave Springe- CURB, (Attachment 3), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2436** noting that it is important to find the “right” answer, not the “quick” answer.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Tom Sloan, Richard Proehl, and Don Hineman.

Matt Sterling helped to answer questions asked to Ms. Petersen-Klein and Mr. Springe.

The hearing on **HB 2436** was closed.

Action on:

HB 2436- Concerning public utilities and issuance of certificate of public convenience

*Representative Gail Finney moved to include waiver language for mutual agreement to the time frame, at the end of **HB 2436**, seconded by Representative Vern Swanson.*

Discussion ensued between Representative Tom Sloan and Revisor Matt Sterling.

Motion to amend passed.

Revisor Matt Sterling explained the technical amendments he recommended.

*Representative Annie Kuether moved to amend **HB 2436** to include the technical amendments seconded by Representative Tom Sloan. Motion Carried.*

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Representative Annie Kuether moved to pass **HB 2436** favorable as amended, seconded by Representative Gail Finney. Motion carried.

Representative Gail Finney will carry the bill on the house floor.

Action on **HB 2436** was closed.

The committee received a document from the Kansas Legislative Research Department, (Attachment 4) regarding the KCC industry conference held January 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. and the topics of discussion at this meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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