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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 Monday, January 23, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Gail Finney-excused
Representative Stan Frownfelter-excused
Representative Phil Hermanson-excused
Representative Joe Seiwert-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:

Kimberly Svaty, Wind Coalition
Whitney Damron, EDP renewable North America and Empire
Rorik Peterson, Iberdrola Renewables
Mark Schreiber, Westar
Scott Jones, KCPL
Claire Guston, Sunflower Energy
Larry Berg, Midwest Energy
Phil Wages, KepCo

Others in attendance:

Twenty five including the attached list.

Update from wind producers in Kansas

Kimberly Svaty, Wind Coalition ([Attachment 1](#)) presented to the committee information on the status of wind energy in the state of Kansas. She noted the number of wind projects, the amount of potential energy from wind, the amount of investment in the projects, and the ranking of Kansas with other states with production of wind and percentage of electricity delivered from

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wind. Additionally, she included a map ([Attachment 2](#)) that shows the various wind farms and the interconnectivity of those farms to the electricity grid. Finally, she spoke to the committee about the current projects under construction and the energy impact they will make.

Rorik Peterson, EDP Renewables North America LLC ([Attachment 3](#)), spoke to the committee about their company and their wind projects in the state of Kansas.

Whitney Damron, Iberdrola Renewables, ([Attachment 4](#)), offered information to the committee about the company and included a map of the United States showing the wind farms they have operational in the lower forty eight.

Questions were asked of the conferees and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Vern Swanson, Rob Bruchman, Don Hineman, Carl Holmes, and Forrest Knox.

Update from Energy producers in Kansas on the Renewable Energy Standards Act of Kansas:

Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy, ([Attachment 5](#)), spoke to the committee on their ability to meet the demands of the Renewable Energy Standards Act of Kansas and the impact to rate payers. He noted that by 2021 the average annual impact per customer was \$49.73.

Scott Jones, KCPL, ([Attachment 6](#)), spoke to the committee on their ability to meet the demands of the Renewable Energy Standards Act of Kansas and the impact to rate payers. He noted that about 350 MW of the 700 MW actually produced by wind will go to Kansas customers.

Claire Guston, Sunflower, ([Attachment 7](#)), spoke to the committee on their ability to meet the demands of the Renewable Energy Standards Act of Kansas and the impact to rate payers. She noted that by 2012 they will have 21% energy provided by renewables, 34% by 2016 and because of increased load demand projections only 16% by 2020.

Phil Wages, KepCo, ([Attachment 8](#)), spoke to the committee on their ability to meet the demands of the Renewable Energy Standards Act of Kansas and the impact to rate payers.

Whitney Damron, Empire, ([Attachment 9](#)), spoke to the committee on their ability to meet the demands of the Renewable Energy Standards Act of Kansas and the impact to rate payers.

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Larry Berg, Midwest Energy, spoke to the committee on their ability to meet the demands of the Renewable Energy Standards Act of Kansas and the impact to rate payers. There was no written testimony submitted.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Don Hineman, Tom Sloan, Vern Swanson, Carl Holmes, Annie Kuether, and Forrest Knox.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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