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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 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Joe Seiwert-excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Leo Haynos, KCC
Carl Huslig, ITC
Dave Peck, Westar
Mark Lawlor, Cleanline Energy

Others in attendance:

Thirty five including the attached list.

Introduction of bills:

Representative Nile Dillmore moved to introduce a bill on horizontal drilling and acquisition of land thereof, seconded by Representative Mike Burgess. Motion carried.

Pipeline Safety:

Leo Haynos, KCC, (Attachment 1), gave a presentation to the committee regarding the pipeline industry and natural gas pipeline safety regulations in Kansas. He talked about some of the recent gas line explosions and some legislation written as a result of those incidents. Additionally, he noted the amount of pipelines still existing in the ground made out of old cast iron and the speed with which those pipes are replaced by safer pipes. He commented that any time you smell gas it means there is something wrong and you need to report it immediately. He noted the best type of pipe now is polyethylene yellow pipe. But when you get into 60 pounds of

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pressure or more, coated steel is used with an electrical charge added that keeps the pipe from corroding.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Stan Frownfelter, Vern Swanson, Carl Holmes, Don Hineman, Mike Slattery, and Annie Kuether.

Transmission Update:

Carl Huslig, ITC, ([Attachment 2](#)), spoke to the committee about the projects they are working on in Kansas. Looking at the lines they have in Iowa and Michigan they put more wind online than any other company in the nation. In Kansas, they have added the 174 mile line from Spearville Kansas to Axtell Nebraska. Their testimony includes maps at the back outlining their progress. They are looking at coming below budget and ahead of schedule. Additionally, they are working on their portion of the 110 mile line from Spearville to Medicine Lodge Kansas. He also spoke to the committee about the ITC acquisition of Entergy.

Dave Peck, Westar/Prairie Wind, ([Attachment 3](#)) spoke to the committee on two transmission line projects they are currently working on. The first project is the Rose-Hill Sooner project and the second, the Kansas Y-plan which is a joint venture project. Included in their testimony is a map outlining these transmission line projects.

Mark Lawlor, Clean Line Energy, ([Attachment 4](#)) spoke to the committee on their transmission investments and noted specifically where investment is required to connect the best wind resources to the load centers of the United States. Included in their testimony is a map, ([Attachment 5](#)) showing project areas and study areas within Kansas. Their primary investment in Kansas is connected with the grain belt expressway. His power point included information pertaining to the economic benefits for the area with the construction of the high voltage line they are projecting will be built.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Don Hineman, and Carl Holmes

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled upon adjournment of the house on February 3, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

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