

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 10, 2012 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Tamera Lawrence, Off of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mark Sievers, Chairman, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Apple called the meeting to order, introduced new staff person Tamera Lawrence, and welcomed all to the start of the 2012 Legislature.

Kansas Corporation Commission

Mark Sievers, Chairman, Kansas Corporation Commission, gave a quick overview of the issues that confront Kansas and looks forward to working with the Senate Utilities Committee to craft solutions. He noted the Commission engages in activities to correct market imperfections in two general respects. First, the Commission's regulatory authority over some industries is focused in preventing the exercise of market power from providers who have a government-granted monopoly. Second, KCC regulatory activities are focused on minimizing harm from market imperfections in otherwise competitive industries. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Sievers provided an explanation of the Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR). This rule was scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2012, with compliance filings due in March 2013, but the rule was stayed by the US Court of Appeals. (Attachment 2)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

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