

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:08 a.m. on January 12, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Melody Miller - Excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes distributed a memorandum issued by Mary Galligan, Principal Analyst for the Kansas Legislative Research Department, that summarized the bills impacting electrical companies (Attachment 1).

Chairman Holmes called for bill introductions. Representative Sloan moved to introduce a committee bill that addressed the additional rate of return allowed for cost savings from fuel switching. Representative Showalter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Holmes welcomed Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications, and Don Low, Director of the Utilities Division, from the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). Ms. Buchanan provided a power point presentation (Attachment 2) on the basics of telecommunication. Mr. Low also spoke on several of the issues within the presentation. Mr. Low and Ms Buchanan distributed the 2005 Report to the Kansas Legislature on Competition in Telecommunications (Attachment 3) to the committee. They also provided copies of the history of the public switched telephone network (Attachment 4).

Ms. Buchanan and Mr. Low responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.