

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on March 4, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except  
Senator Emler, excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe Harkins, Commissioner, KCC

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Apple opened the meeting.

Presentation on Federal Stimulus Package, Energy and Rate Making

Joe Harkins, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission, outlined the goals and strategies focused on by KCC in the economic stimulus energy efficiency initiatives being funneled into Kansas through the KCC. There are three goals: (1) reduce energy consumption (electricity and natural gas); (2) reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other pollutants; and (3) stimulate local economies. Strategies are (1) expand existing and develop additional comprehensive programs to increase energy conservation and efficiency in buildings for all classes of utility customers; and (2) encourage development of dynamic pricing. (Attachment 1)

Time did not allow for sufficient discussion and the Chair invited Commissioner Harkins to appear at the March 5, 2009 meeting. Commissioner Harkins accepted.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris  
Committee Assistant

Attachments - 1