

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:09 a.m. on January 25, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Melody Miller - Excused
Representative Judy Showalter - Excused
Representative Tom Sloan - 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: John Olsen, Westar Energy, Topeka, KS

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes asked for bill introductions. Representative Kuether moved to introduce a committee bill dealing with conservation and energy efficiency. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Krehbiel requested a committee bill be introduced that would put penalties in place for 'phishing' and internet abuse. Representative Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Holmes announced to the committee that a tour of Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant was being planned for April 26. More information would be forthcoming.

Chairman Holmes welcomed John Olsen, Executive Director of Power Marketing for Westar Energy, to the committee. Mr. Olsen's presentation to the committee concerned long-term power supply in Kansas (Attachment 1). He detailed the company's generating capacity and generation portfolios. Mr. Olsen also spoke on the various obligations for providing electricity that occur at typical times throughout the year. Mr. Olsen responded to questions from the committee. Additionally, Doug Sterbenz, Senior Vice President, Generation and Marketing and Jim Ludwig, Vice President, Public Affairs, both of Westar Energy, Topeka, KS, responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

The next meeting is a joint meeting with Senate Utilities on January 26, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.