

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. on March 3, 2009, in the seminar room at the Department of Schools Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Gail Finney- excused  
Representative Dan Johnson- excused  
Representative Annie Kuether- excused  
Representative Margaret Long- excused  
Representative Tom Moxley- excused  
Representative Don Myers- excused  
Representative Connie O'Brien- excused  
Representative Rob Olson- excused  
Representative Richard Proehl- excused  
Representative Tom Sloan- excused  
Representative Josh Svaty- excused  
Representative Milack Talia- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

The committee attended portions of "The Solar Roundtable" sponsored by The Kansas Energy Programs division of the Kansas Corporation Commission. Short biographies of the individual speakers (Attachment 1) were included.

### **The Economics of Solar Power**

Peter Lorenz, President, Quanta Renewable Energy Services, (Attachment 2), presented a power-point entitled, "The Economics of Solar Power". Mr. Lorenz spoke about the United States' and the world market for many different aspects of solar energy for the current perspective and future outlook. Additionally an article published in The McKinsey Quarterly, June 2008, co-authored by Peter Lorenz, Dicken Pinner, and Thomas Seitz, entitled, "The economics of solar power" (Attachment 3) was included as a resource for conferrees.

Included also was a Lawrence Berkeley national Laboratory publication entitled, "Tracking the Sun, The Installed Cost of Photovoltaics in the U.S. from 1998-2007", (Attachment 4).

Also provided in the information was a Chart on Photovoltaic Electrical Energy Production in Kansas (Attachment 5).

### **Regulatory Issues with Solar Power**

Jason Keyes, Partner, Keyes & Fox, LLP, Seattle, Washington, spoke to the committee about an update on regulatory issues concerning solar energy. He noted a website with information on tracking existing state and local procedures at [www.desireusa.org](http://www.desireusa.org). He presented a power point (Attachment 6) that talked about the regulatory issues.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009.

Committee members left the roundtable at 10:30 a.m. to be present at the House session on the floor of the House chambers.