

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on March 3, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Doebelin, 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:

David Springe, CURB

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chair opened the meeting .

Presentation on Electrical Rates

David Springe, Consumer Counsel, Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, explained the agency mission and philosophy, the history and laws establishing CURB, the makeup of the Board and Staff, cases heard and current cases, recent changes in regulation, legislative changes, general issues and federal issues. He distributed copies of the December 2008 and February 2009 newsletters which are also available on their website. (Attachment 1)

Questions by the committee regarding need for more transmission, rate parity, comparison of rates for coal, solar, et al and conservation and efficiency.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris
Committee Assistant

Attachments - 1