

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The joint meeting of the House and Senate Utilities Committees was called to order by Chairman Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 29, 2002 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Susan Wagle (excused)
Senator Bob Lyon (excused)

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Mike Loeffler, Northern Natural Gas
Jim Bartling, Greeley Gas
Chuck DeHart, the Williams Companies
Steve Johnson, Kansas Gas Service

Others attending: See attached list

Updates on Natural Gas and Oil Industry

Senator Clark briefly reviewed the written testimony of Robert Krehbiel, EVP, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association. Mr. Krehbiel was attending a funeral and was unable to be present. (Attachment 1)

Mike Loeffler, manager of Governmental and Community affairs for Northern Natural Gas, a subsidiary of Enron Transportation Services (ETS), described the presence of Northern Natural Gas in Kansas, provided a brief overview and update on the transition of Northern Natural Gas into a subsidiary of Dynegy, Inc.; and mentioned the development of storage regulations. (Attachment 2)

James W. Bartling, Manager Public Affairs, Greeley Gas Company, provided a brief summary of the activities of Greeley Gas and their involvement in Kansas. (Attachment 3)

Chuck DeHart, The Williams Companies, Inc., summarized his company's involvement in Kansas and noted among the issues that needed to be addressed are underground storage and pipeline protection.

Steve Johnson, executive director, Kansas Gas Service, addressed the state of the Natural Gas Industry in Kansas from the Kansas Gas Service and ONEOK point of view. (Attachment 4)

On conclusion of the presentations, the Chair opened for discussion. The committee questioned the presenters on number of retirees from Northern Natural Gas in Kansas and specific areas; non-paying consumer profiles; safety of pipelines and their maintenance; how automation may affect service; KCC and KDHE rules and regulations, company flexibility on service requests from customers..

The next joint meeting of the House and Senate Utilities Committees will be held on January 30, 2002.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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