

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The joint meeting of the Senate and House Utilities Committees was called to order by Chair Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 15, 2003 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Barone, excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
 Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
 Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
 David Martin, Empire District Electric Company
 Larry Berg, Midwest Energy, Hays
 Colin Hansen, Kansas Municipal Utilities

Others attending: List attached to House Utilities Committee January 15, 2003 minutes

Presentations by Electric Cooperatives and Municipalities

Conferees gave a general background explanation of each of their companies, explained what services they provided, who they served and finances involved, and set forth current issues they were working on and legislative issues of concern to their field.

Larry Berg of Midwest Energy, Hays was accompanied by Bob Muirhead, Manager of Corporate Communications of Colby. ([Attachment 1](#))

David Martin, Empire District Electric Company, Joplin, Missouri ([Attachment 2](#))

Colin Hansen, Kansas Municipal Utilities ([Attachment 3](#))

Chair Clark opened for questions. Conferees were questioned regarding regulations, rate of return, regulatory environment in Missouri, where new generation could be located, financing of new generation and cost of borrowing.

Chair Clark briefed the committee on the presentations scheduled before the committee during the next two weeks and asked for ideas on possible legislation to be introduced.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on January 16, 2003.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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