

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Friday, January 23, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Randy Powell – Excused
- Representative Rob Bruchman – Excused
- Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused
- Representative Annie Kuether – Excused

Committee staff present:

- Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department
- Patricia Kready, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
- Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
- Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

- Mick Urban, Kansas Gas Service
- Michael Gillaspie, ONEOK
- Steve Cowen, Black Hills Energy
- Mike Loeffler, Northern Natural Gas
- Ron Gaches, Southern Star and TransCanada Pipelines, Williams Companies and Atmos Energy
- Michael White, ITC Great Plains

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Mike Loeffler, Northern Natural Gas, requested a bill be introduced regarding underground storage. *Rep. Corbet moved to introduce the bill, Rep. Whitmer seconded, motion carried.*

Presentations by Energy Delivery Lobbyists

A presentation was given by Mick Urban, Government Relations, Kansas Gas Service. [\(Attachment 1\)](#) Mr. Urban stood for questions.

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A presentation was given by Michael Gillaspie, Manager, Government Relations, ONEOK. [\(Attachment 2\)](#) Mr. Gillaspie stood for questions.

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A presentation was given by Steve Cowen, Government Affairs Manager, Black Hills Energy. [\(Attachment 3\)](#) Mr. Cowen stood for questions.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Presentations by Energy Delivery Lobbyists

A presentation was given by Mike Loeffler, Northern Natural Gas.

[\(Attachment 4\)](#) Mr. Loeffler stood for questions.

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Ron Gaches introduced Jim Bartling, Public Affairs Manager for Atmos, who did the Atmos presentation.

[\(Attachment 5\)](#) Mr. Bartling stood for questions.

Ron Gaches proceeded with presentations regarding: Southern Star [\(Attachment 6\)](#)

TransCanada Pipelines [\(Attachment 7\)](#)

Williams Companies [\(Attachment 8\)](#).

Mr. Gaches stood for questions.

Presentations by Energy Delivery Lobbyists

A presentation was given by Michael White, Manager, ITC Great Plains.

[\(Attachment 9\)](#)

Mr. White stood for questions.

Announcements

On Monday, January 26, the committee will hold informational presentations related to Consumer Protection and Seismicity. The Wednesday, January 28, meeting will be a grid reliability initial discussion. We will not meet next Friday, January 30. On Monday, February 2, the following week, this committee will hold a hearing on HB2132. Wednesday, February 4, Carl Monroe and Mike Ross with Southwest Power Pool will make a presentation related to grid reliability. Friday, February 6, Commissioner Tony Clark with FERC (Federal Energy Reliability Commission) will also address grid reliability.

Chairman Hedke adjourned the meeting at 10:27 am.