

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hedke at 9:00 am on Monday, February 02, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused

Representative Mike Kiegerl – 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:

Dan Dobbins, Senior Reservoir Analyst, Northern Natural Gas

Jack Graves, Counsel for Panhandle Eastern Subsidiary of Energy Transfer Partners

Laurence E. Garrett, Assistant General Counsel, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, L.L.C. and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC

Rich Felts, President, Kansas Farm Bureau

Will Wohlford, Val Energy

Brian Madden, Nash Oil & Gas

Arden Vernon, President, Haynesville Surface and Mineral Owners Association

Kenny Carter, President, Eastern Kansas Royalty Owners Association

Erick Nordling, for Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association

David Seely, as General Counsel for Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association and Easter Kansas Royalty Owners Association

Tucker Stewart, Associate Counsel, Kansas Livestock Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Pat Apple, Commissioner, KCC, requested a bill introduction referred to as the Kansas electric ratepayer protection act. Rep. Mason, moved to introduce the bill, Rep. Whitmer seconded, motion carried.

Hearing on: HB2132 — Injected natural gas and property rights.

Chairman Hedke opened up the hearing on **HB2132**.

Cindy Lash, KLRD gave background on related legislative history regarding underground storage of natural gas. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#))

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Matt Sterling gave a briefing of **HB2132**.
([Attachment 3](#)) He stood for questions following the briefing.

Following questions, Chairman Hedke opened up the testimony:

Dan Dobbins, Senior Reservoir Analyst, Northern Natural Gas testified in support of the bill.
([Attachment 4](#))

Jack Graves, Counsel for Panhandle Eastern Subsidiary of Energy Transfer Partners testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Laurence E. Garrett, Assistant General Counsel, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, L.L.C. and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC testified in support of the bill. ([Attachment 6](#))

Proponents stood for questions from committee members.

There was no neutral testimony.

Rich Felts, President, Kansas Farm Bureau testified against the bill. ([Attachment 7](#))

Will Wohlford, Val Energy testified against the bill. ([Attachment 8](#))

Brian Madden, Nash Oil & Gas testified against the bill. ([Attachment 9](#))

Arden Vernon, President, Haynesville Surface and Mineral Owners Association testified against the bill. ([Attachment 10](#))

Kenny Carter, President, Eastern Kansas Royalty Owners Association testified against the bill.
([Attachment 11](#))

Erick Nordling, for Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association testified against the bill.
([Attachment 12](#))

David Seely, as General Counsel for Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association and Eastern Kansas Royalty Owners Association testified against the bill. ([Attachment 13](#))

Tucker Stewart, Associate Counsel, Kansas Livestock Association testified against the bill.
([Attachment 14](#))

Opponents stood for questions from the committee members.

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The following individuals provided written testimony in opposition to the bill:

Gordon Stull, General Counsel, Haynesville Surface and Mineral Owners Association. ([Attachment 15](#))

Terry Richardson, Kansas Association of Well Service Contractors. ([Attachment 16](#))

Ruth Urban, private citizen. ([Attachment 17](#))

Chairman Hedke closed the hearing on **HB2132** and adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.