

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:38pm on Tuesday, February 03, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department

Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department

Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tom DeBaun, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Senator Olson greeted the attendees and opened the meeting with two announcements. He explained that meeting on Thursday was at the call of the Chair, but would only meet provided the committee expected bill introduction activity. He also pointed out committee packets contained a written response by Kimberly Svaty to questions from a previous committee meeting.

### **Possible bill introductions**

Senator Olson called for any bill introductions.

Jeff McClanahan representing the Kansas Corporation Commission made a bill introduction request regarding the implementation of carbon dioxide emission performance standards. The bill proposes to allow the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health to implement a carbon dioxide emission performance standard upon gaining statutory approval and after notification to the Kansas Corporation Commission.

*Senator Wilborn moved to accept the request and Senator Knox seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Seeing no more bill introduction requests Senator Olson closed possible bill introductions.

**Presentation on:** Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Involvement in Southwest Power Pool and Transmission Line Siting

Senator Olson called on Tom DeBaun with the Kansas Corporation Commission to begin the presentation ([Attachment #1](#)).

Committee questions and comments from Senators Knox, Hawk, Francisco and Olson resulted in the

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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following discussions:

- 1.) In reference to a very aggressive expansion by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), the presenter stated that an intensive study would be required to determine impacts on, benefits to and potential paybacks to Kansas ratepayers from the estimated \$8 billion in regional capital investments made through 2014 for SPP "Transmission Projects Planned/Built (\$)."
- 2.) Concerns were expressed that figures reported by KCC of costs of wind energy expansion in Kansas have not included the costs of the development of transmission capabilities.
- 3.) Several committee members expressed concerns that information clarifying how ratepayers are being effected by costs of transmission expansion remains elusive.
- 4.) *The Kansas Corporation Commission will have information on cost savings from Southwest Power Pool (SPP) on the day ahead market after March 1st.* (added as a committee amendment made by Senator Francisco - 2 12 15).

Senator Olson reiterated committee concerns on behalf of Kansas ratepayers and thanked the presenter for his contribution to the committee.

Seeing no further questions or comments Senator Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:09pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015.