

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Olson at 1:32pm on Thursday, January 21, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

### Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Michael Welton, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant  
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department  
Natalie Nelson, Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash - Legislative Research Department

### Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Leo Haynos - Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)  
Justin Grady - Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)  
Rodger Woods - Americans for Prosperity (AFP)  
Mark Schrieber - Westar Energy, KCP&L and Empire District Electric  
Earnie Lehman - Appointed Members of KETA  
Joe Spease - Wind SoHy  
Zack Pistora - Kansas Sierra Club  
Rodger Woods - Americans for Freedom

### Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Olson opened the meeting with a welcome of conferees and others in attendance.

Senator Francisco motioned to approve committee minutes for 1 12 16, 1 13 16 and 1 14 16. The motion was seconded by Senator Lynn. The minutes were accepted by the committee.

### **Presentation on:**

### **Kansas Corporation Commission Oversight of Kansas Electric Transmission**

Leo Haynos and Justin Grady provided the presentation. ([Attachment #1](#))

The presenters referenced a report entitled, "2016 SPP Transmission Expansion Project List - Kansas Projects." ([Attachment #2](#))

Questions and discussion from committee members ensued.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Utilities at 1:32pm on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

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### **Hearing on: SB318 — Utilities and state entities.**

Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 318 - Utilities and state entities.**

Matt Sterling provided a Statute of Revisors overview of the bill. ([Attachment #3](#))

Rodger Woods provided proponent testimony. ([Attachment #4](#))

Mark Schrieber provided proponent testimony. ([Attachment #5](#))

Questions from committee ensued.

Earnie Lehman provided neutral testimony. ([Attachment #6](#))

Joe Spease provided opposition testimony. ([Attachment #7](#))

Zack Pistora provided opposition testimony. ([Attachment #8](#))

Committee questions and comments ensued.

Also submitted as written only opposition testimony from Dorothy Barnett representing Climate + Energy Project. ([Attachment #9](#))

Chairman Olson closed the hearing on the bill.

### **Possible bill introductions**

No bill introductions were proposed.

### **Possible action on bills previously heard**

No action was taken on any bills.

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1 26 16.