

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Renae Hansen, Committee Assistant  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Peggy Mast, State Representative  
Rickye Reber, Americus, Kansas  
Rod Craig, Mayor, Severy, Kansas  
Leo Haynos, KCC  
Tom Sloan, State Representative  
Don Low, KCC  
Mark Schreiber, Westar  
Carl Huslig, ITC Great Plains

Others attending:

Thirty-four including the attached list.

Representatives Dan Johnson, Tom Sloan, Vern Swanson, and Cindy Neighbor introduced students from high schools in their districts that were shadowing them during the day.

Representative Tom Moxley moved to introduce a bill on wind siting guidelines. Seconded by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion carried.

Hearing on:

**HB 2027 - Granting cities' power to relinquish authority over natural gas and water utilities.**

Melissa Doeblin explained **HB 2027**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative Tom Sloan.

Proponents:

Peggy Mast, State Representative (Attachment 1), presented testimony in support of **HB 2027**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Moxley, Annie Kuether, Carl Holmes, Tom Sloan, Gail Finney, and Vince Wetta.

Rickye Reber, Americus, Kansas (Attachment 2), presented testimony in support of **HB 2027** noting a personal story of the inequity of the business this bill addresses.

Rod Craig, Mayor, Severy, Kansas (Attachment 3), offered testimony in support of **HB 2027** noting some examples that have brought this legislation before the legislature.

Leo Haynos, KCC, (Attachment 4), presented information in support of **HB 2027**.

Representative Forrest Knox spoke to the committee in favor of **HB 2027** as this issue concerns a community, Severy, Kansas in his district. He noted that the company is a sole supplier to a few towns and no one regulates them. He asked that the committee give this bill consideration and determine if regulation needs

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to be enacted.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Margaret Long, Tom Sloan, Tom Moxley, Carl Holmes, Vern Swanson, Forrest Knox, and Josh Svaty.

The hearing on **HB 2027** was closed.

Hearing on:

**HB 2021 - Listing factors to be weighed by the state Corporation Commission when granting a certificate of public convenience to an electric utility.**

Proponent:

Tom Sloan, State Representative (Attachment 5), presented testimony in support of **HB 2021**.

Opponents:

Don Low, KCC (Attachment 6), offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2021**.

Mark Schreiber, Westar (Attachment 7), presented testimony in opposition of **HB 2021**.

Neutral:

Carl Huslig, ITC Great Plains (Attachment 8), appeared before the committee regarding **HB 2021**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Carl Holmes, Tom Moxley, and Tom Sloan.

The hearing on **HB 2021** was closed.

Kimberly Gencur Svaty handed out two pieces of information concerning energy utility acronyms (Attachment 9), and utility lingo simplified (Attachment 10).

Representative Forrest Knox moved to introduce a bill concerning the recording of wind leases. Seconded by Representative Vern Swanson second. Motion Carried.

Representative Forrest Knox moved to introduce a bill for cost recovery for smart grid and smart meters. Seconded by Representative Annie Kuether. Motion carried.

Representative Vern Swanson noted that the sub-committee on KCC issues would take up **HB's 2012, 2014, 2017, and 2021**, and that amendments needed to be prepared by staff before the sub-committee convened.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.