

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 15, 2009 in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Sen. Roger Reitz - excused

Committee staff present:

Ann McMorris, Administrative Assistant  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research  
Mike Corrigan, Kansas Legislative Revisor  
Melissa Doeblin, Kansas Legislative Revisor

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Heidi Zimmerman, Auditor, Legislative Post Audit  
Lisa Hoopes, Senior Auditor, Legislative Post Audit

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Apple opened the meeting.

### Introduction of Bills

Melissa Wangeman, Legislative Services Director and General Counsel, Kansas Association of Counties, requested a bill introduction to continue the E911 fee to finance the next generation of maintenance and upgrades to the statewide emergency response system. This proposal also includes continuation of the grant program that helps locals fund their E911 systems.

Moved by Petersen, seconded by Emler, a bill be drafted and introduced regarding the request of Kansas Association of Counties. Motion carried.

Tom Day, Kansas Corporation Commission, requested introduction of legislation to amend KSA 66-1802(s) dealing with tolerance zone for underground utility locates. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Lee, introduce a bill as requested by KCC to clarify tolerance zone for underground utility locates. Motion carried.

Don Jacobsen, President, AT&T Kansas, discussed their proposal and the KCC involvement regarding carriers of last resort.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Taddiken, introduce a bill regarding carriers of last resort as explained by AT&T. Motion carried.

The committee received information as follows:

List of Senate Utilities Staff

Reports on (1) Emissions Trading: Lessons for a Carbon Market and (2) The Electric Utility Industry and Global Climate Change as provided to Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy on January 13, 2009.

### Presentation of audits by Legislative Post Audit

Heidi Zimmerman, Auditor, reviewed the Performance Audit Report 08PA20 on the Department of Health and Environment: reviewing issues related to the permitting process in the Bureau of Air and Radiation. (Attachment 2)

Lisa Hoopes, Senior Auditor, reviewed the Performance Audit Report A8PA16 on Wireless Enhanced 911:

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reviewing implementation of the 2004 Act and provided a spread sheet on grant funds distribution. (Attachment 3).

Chairperson Apple announced appointment of a subcommittee to study net metering: Members of the subcommittee are Senators Petersen, Lee and Bruce.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ann McMorris  
Committee Assistant

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