

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 22, 2009, in Room 446-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Ann McMorris, Administrative Assistant
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Doebelin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research
Colin Hansen, Executive Director, Kansas Municipal Utilities

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chair Apple opened the meeting and introduced the committee, the staff and the assistant.

Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA) Update

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research, briefed the committee on (1) Who is KETA?; (2) KETA's Mission; (3) Drivers for KETA's Formation; (4) KETA Authority; (5) Other Specific Powers; (6) Authority Taxation; and (7) KETA Limitations. (Attachment 1)

Senators Emler and Lee spoke highly of the accomplishments of KETA.

Kansas Municipal Utilities

Colin Hansen, Executive Director, provided KMU background facts, membership map showing locations; data on Municipal Electric Utilities, purpose of Kansas Municipal Energy Agency; history on Kansas Power Pool, and facts on Public Power and Local Generation. He explained power supply contracts and US rates for all utilities. He provided a chart on Kansas Public Power Rates and noted the residential rate increases for Kansas Utilities. He explained the need for baseload and transmission. He provided facts on Natural Gas, Water and Wastewater members. (Attachment 2)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

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