

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 9, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
John Wine, Chair, Kansas Corporation Commission
Cynthia Claus, Commissioner, KCC
Brian J . Moline, Commissioner, KCC

Others attending: See attached guest list

Chair Clark noted there are five new members on the Utilities Committee. He introduced the staff from Legislative Research and the Revisor of Statutes office and the secretary who would be assisting the committee. He noted the primary focus of the committee would be on oil, gas and electricity and that there will be a learning curve as each committee has a glossary of terms to get familiar with. Each member received a copy of the Review of the Kansas Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act booklet prepared by the Kansas Corporation Commission in response to House Resolution 6011.

Pete Loux of Wichita, former KCC commissioner, was introduced.

Kansas Corporation Commission commissioners, John Wine, Brian Moline and Cynthia Claus appeared before the committee. A brief resume of each was handed out. ([Attachment 1](#))

John Wine, KCC Chair, reviewed the purpose of the KCC and the various functions and issues they handle.. He discussed the Oregon task force study ([Attachment 2](#)) and compared the way various issues discussed in that study are handled in Kansas

Commissioner Claus reviewed her background and noted she had not prepared any specific comments on the work of the KCC and handed the mike to Commissioner Brian Moline. Commissioner Moline presented the history of the KCC from its start in the 1800s and commented on the regulation of services and rates. His written comments are attached. ([Attachment 3](#)).

The Chair opened the floor for questions. Several members questioned about state run generation plants, the Pennsylvania & California electric deregulation, rules on mergers, and the situation in surrounding states and how their actions affect Kansas.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be January 10, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted
Ann McMorris, Secretary

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