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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:06 a.m. on January 15, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter  
Representative Mary Compton  
Representative Roger Toelkes

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research  
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Audit  
Lee Allison, Kansas Energy Resources Coordination Council

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes asked for any bill introductions. Representative Krehbiel asked that a Committee bill be introduced that would facilitate the Kansas Department of Transportation providing access to open tower space to other agencies. Representative Long-Mast seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Holmes introduced Barbara Hinton, Legislative Post Auditor, who addressed the committee with the Division of Post Audit's concerns about the language in **HB 2476 (Attachment 1)**. Ms. Hinton detailed those concerns and provided options to adjust the language in the bill. Following her presentation, Chairman Holmes told the committee that Ms. Hinton would be available to meet with committee members in his office upon adjournment of the House. He also informed the committee that they would begin debate on **HB 2476** on Tuesday with a base bill analysis provided by Mary Galligan, Legislative Research.

Chairman Holmes then welcomed Lee Allison, Chairman of the State Energy Resources Coordination Council, who provided a power point presentation (Attachment 2) on the Kansas Energy Plan 2004. Mr. Allison explained that the Kansas Energy Plan 2004 was available online at [www.kansasenergy.org](http://www.kansasenergy.org) or in print as provided to the committee. Mr. Allison shared the Council's activities from the past year, which included the formation of a Transmission Task Force and a Wind & Prairie Task Force, as well as a Natural Gas Summit and a systems benefit charge review. Additionally, the Governor will be signing a new Executive Order to maintain the Council, however, there will be additional members and a new name (Kansas Energy Council). Following Mr. Allison's presentation, he responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes announced that there would be a Transmission Planning Meeting sponsored by the Southwest Power Pool, in Wichita on February 17. Further information will be provided to the committee at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2004.