

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 27, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Vaughn Flora - Excused
Representative Bonnie Huy - Excused
Representative Melody Miller - Excused

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: Larry Holloway, Kansas Corporation Commission, Topeka, KS
Tom Stuchlik, Westar Energy, Topeka, KS

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes welcomed Larry Holloway, Chief of Energy Operations for the Kansas Corporation Commission, to the committee. Mr. Holloway provided a presentation on Transmission Regulation and the Southwest Power Pool ([Attachment 1](#)). He shared information on the history of the Kansas electric industry and the changes in policy made. Mr. Holloway also spoke of the current regulatory issues and the formation of the Regional Transmission Organization system. Additionally, the history of the Southwest Power Pool and its corporate structure was detailed. Mr. Holloway told the committee about the Commission's involvement with the Southwest Power Pool. Mr. Holloway responded to questions from the committee.

Thomas Stuchlik, Executive Director, Transmission Services, Westar Energy, shared a presentation on Transmission 101 - SPP Energy Imbalance Market ([Attachment 2](#)). Mr. Stuchlik told the committee about the basics in the transmission of electricity and the problems that occur in the power grid. He also addressed the three phases of SPP's energy market design. Mr. Stuchlik responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is Friday, January 29, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.