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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carl Holmes at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 3, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Nile Dillmore-excused
Representative Gail Finney-excused
Representative Stan Frownfelter-excused
Representative Reynaldo Mesa-excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research
Brian Turnbull, Kansas Legislative Research
Mike Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tom Day, KCC
Earnie Lehman, Midwest Energy

Others in attendance:

Sixteen including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2489-Deregulation of Natural gas public utilities

Matt Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes, ([Attachment 1](#)), gave an explanation to the committee on **HB 2489** and what it attempts to do to change the current law.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Don Schroeder, Annie Kuether, Don Hineman, and Tom Sloan.

Tom Day, KCC, helped to clarify the language presented in **HB 2489**.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES Committee at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 3, in 785 of the DSOB.

Proponent

Ernie Lehman-Midwest Energy, (Attachment 2), spoke to the committee in favor of **HB 2489**. He noted this is the electric cooperative deregulation language extended to natural gas cooperatives. He commented that Midwest Energy is the only cooperative in Kansas that this bill would pertain to.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, and Tom Sloan.

Again, Tom Day, KCC helped to answer committee questions pertaining to **HB 2489**.

The hearing on **HB 2489** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2012 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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