

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 14, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

 James G. Flaherty, Attorney, Greeley Gas Company, Ottawa
 John W. Hack, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas
 Andrea C. Crane, VP, The Columbia Group, Inc. Ridgefield, CT
 Joe White, Director of Utilities Division of Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See attached list

Chair Clark opened hearing on:

S.B. 190 - Natural gas public utilities, performance-based ratemaking

Proponents:

 James G. Flaherty, Attorney, Greeley Gas Company, Ottawa (Attachment 1)
 John W. Hack, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas (Attachment 2)

Opponents:

 Andrea C. Crane, VP, The Columbia Group, Inc. Ridgefield, CT (Attachment 3)
 Joe White, Director of Utilities Division of Kansas Corporation Commission (Attachment 4)

Chair opened for questions. Questions were asked on sharing of profits, deregulation, consumers' lack of knowledge on the provider of their gas, indices reliability to determine prices, statistics on savings by PBRs and on what cost basis they were calculated.

Chair closed hearing on **SB 190**.

Due to the lack of time, hearings on **SCR 1606, SB 111 and SB 112** were not held. Chair indicated the hearings on these bills would be held on Friday, February 16 when the committee met following adjournment of the Senate.

Next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be held on February 15.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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