

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on January 28, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Stuart Lowry, Kansas Electric Cooperatives  
Dave Springe, CURB  
Tom Thompson, Sierra Club

Others attending:

Thirty-one including the attached list.

Chairman Carl Holmes reminded the committee of scheduled sub-committees agendas for January 26 and the week of February 2.

Hearing on:

**HB 2035 - Permitting members of large electric cooperatives to elect to be exempt from regulation by the KCC.**

Melissa Doeblin spoke to the committee on **HB 2035**.

Proponents:

Stuart Lowry, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, (Attachment 1), spoke to the committee in favor of **HB 2035** explaining why they feel it is necessary to enact this proposed legislation.

Opponents:

Dave Springe, CURB (Attachment 2), offered testimony in opposition to **HB 2035**, noting why they felt this legislation should not be enacted.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club (Attachment 3), presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2035** commenting that the Kansas Corporation Commission acts as a counter balance.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Joe Seiwert, Tom Sloan, Milack Talia, Tom Moxley, Carl Holmes, Forrest Knox, Josh Svaty, and Margaret Long.

The hearing on **HB 2035** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.