

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 19, 2011, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Legislative Research Department
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Christine Aarnes, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See attached list.

Kansas Universal Service Fund

Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications, Kansas Corporation Commission, discussed the KUSF which is in its 14th year of providing support to local telephone service providers to assist in making universal service available in high-cost areas of the state, to provide dual-party relay service and telecommunications equipment for persons with disabilities and to provide assistance to those with lower incomes through the Lifeline Program. Ms. Aarnes reviewed background, KUSF assessment, KUSF support amounts, relationship to federal USF and certification of use of KUSF and USF. (Attachment 1)

Questions from the committee on coverage, providers, lower cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris
Committee Assistant

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