

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:05 a.m. on January 10, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:       Lynne Holt, Legislative Research  
                                      Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes  
                                      Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:   Tom Day, Kansas Corporation Commission  
  Larry Holloway, Kansas Corporation Commission  
  Jim Ploger, Kansas Corporation Commission  
  Dave Williams, Kansas Corporation Commission  
  Joe White, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending:        See Attached List

Tom Day, Legislative Liaison for the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), distributed a study conducted by the KCC Staff in response to a request by Rep. Holmes, Rep. Sloan and Rep. McClure (Copy available from Kansas Legislative Research Department). The study (referred to as the Holmes Report) was prepared in response to a request for information about various aspects of the Corporation Commission and includes information from the utilities division, conservation division and telecommunications division. Mr. Day then introduced Larry Holloway, Chief of Energy Operations for the Utilities Division of the KCC, who discussed the aspects of the report dealing with natural gas and electric generation. Mr. Holloway also distributed the 2000 Kansas Electric Utility Information report Copy available from Kansas Legislative Research Department which contains information supplied by the U. S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Agency. Jim Ploger, Energy Program Manager, spoke about the state energy office located within the KCC and the role of renewable energy sources related to the Clean Air Act. Dave Williams, Supervisor of Production for the Conservation Division, provided an overview of the 2000 Kansas Energy Report (Attachment 1) that was prepared by Timothy Carr and Scott White of the Kansas Geological Survey. The report examined the history, current status and future of energy in Kansas. Mr. Williams also spoke on the conservation issues addressed in the Holmes Report. Mr. Holloway, Mr. Ploger and Mr. Williams responded to questions from the committee.

Joe White, Utilities Division Director of the Kansas Corporation Commission, addressed the committee and provided information about the work the staff is conducting (Attachment 2). Mr. White then introduced several staff members attending the meeting and responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Holmes requested that a bill be introduced on life-cycle costs during the design phase on new and renovated government buildings. Rep. Sloan moved that the bill be introduced. Rep. Compton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 11, 2001.