

Approved: February 12, 2004

Date

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 23, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter
Representative Don Myers

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: John Cita, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes asked for bill introductions. Representative Sloan requested that a bill be introduced that dealt with energy conservation incentives. Representative Sloan moved to introduce the bill as a committee bill. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Holmes introduced John Cita, Chief Economist for the Kansas Corporation Commission. Mr. Cita provided a power point presentation on the 'History and Forecast of the Price of Natural Gas' (Attachment 1). Mr. Cita provided a historical view and forecasts of the price and production of natural gas. Additionally, he spoke on gas hedge programs and marketing research surveys. Mr. Cita responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 2004.