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MINUTES OF THE JOINT HOUSE UTILITIES AND SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEES.

The meeting was called to order by Senate Commerce Chairman Karin Brownlee at 8:35 a.m. on January 30, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter
Representative Nile Dillmore
Representative William Kassebaum
Representative Judy Morrison

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Hal Gardner, KAN-ED
Steve Funk, Kansas Board of Regents
Brad Williams, KAN-ED

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Brownlee welcomed Hal Gardner, Director of KAN-ED, who provided a brief overview and introduction of KAN-ED. Mr. Gardner distributed copies of the annual report, which is available on line at www.kan-ed.org. He then introduced Steve Funk, Information Systems Analyst for the Kansas Board of Regents, who provided a brief video presentation on the history of Kansas and of KAN-ED. Mr. Gardner then spoke about the progress that had been made and shared concerns they would like to see addressed in the future. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Funk responded to questions from the committee.

Brad Williams, Operations Manager for KAN-ED, then spoke to the committee. He provided a map ([Attachment 1](#)) that showed the network overview, delineating the NAP locations as well as the backbone lines in place and those planned. Mr. Williams responded to questions from the committee.

Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications for the Kansas Corporation Commission, distributed information on the deployment of broadband to schools and libraries ([Attachment 2](#)).

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2004.