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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:12 a.m. on March 11, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Jason Watkins, Unexcused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Tim Carr, Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes welcomed Tim Carr, Geologist for the Kansas Geological Survey and Project Leader for the Simplified On-Line Automated Reporting (SOLAR) system. Mr. Carr provided information on the SOLAR project that was developed jointly by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS), the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), and the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) as directed by Session 2004 SR 1829. He told the committee that the system was intended to provide a single point of submission, a single production record, and an automated method to verify and route data to the appropriate agency for the reporting of oil and gas production information. Susan Duffy, Executive Director of the KCC, and Steve Stotts of the KDOR provided additional information to the committee.

Mr. Carr, Ms. Duffy, and Mr. Stotts responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. for a tour of the Westar Energy Emergency Operations Facilities.