

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Rob Olson at 9:15 A.M. on January 28, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Dan Johnson- excused
Terry McLauchlan-excused
Margaret Long-Excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Rena Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Buchanon, KCC
Steve Weatherford, Kansas Development Finance Authority
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research

Others attending:

Twenty eight including the attached list.

Janet Buchanon, KCC, (Attachment 1), presented a letter and follow up information from their KUSF presentation last week, with charts showing the history of the Kansas Universal Service Fund and the amounts received by the carrier.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Carl Holmes, and Tom Sloan.

Steve Weatherford, Kansas Development Finance Authority, (Attachments 2, 3, and 4) offered testimony explaining Kansas' Kansas Energy Efficiency [loan] Program (KEEP). Additionally, he brought their KEEP brochure to "get the word out", and a map that shows where the program has been implemented in the state of Kansas. It was noted, if the maximum loan amount was taken by all individuals, they have enough funds to loan out \$10,000 to 200 individuals. He noted that if this becomes a long term goal of the state of Kansas then he feels that more banks will participate as it becomes a good long term investment of their time and training invested to get this program started.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Tom Hawk, Josh Svaty, Richard Proehl, Carl Holmes, Forrest Knox, Tom Moxley, Annie Kuether, and Vaughn Flora.

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research, (Attachment 5), presented the 2007 Annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature from the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA). This was the Authority's second full year of operation. During this past year the board announced its first project to plan, build, develop, and construct a transmission line from Spearville, Kansas to Axtell, Nebraska. It was requested by an Energy and Utilities Committee member that the Southwest Power Pool information about the regional lines that are proposed and their viability, be made available to the committee.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vaughn Flora, Tom Hawk, Carl Holmes, and Tom Sloan.

KETA has asked for one piece of legislation that they are presenting on the Senate side, that would change the statute regarding the 90 day time table for responding to KETA RFP's clarifying the 90 days starts from the publication of the Register and not the publication in newspapers or national magazines.

Ray Hammerlund, KCC, spoke to the committee about the meeting that took place in Oklahoma with the SPP. There will be about 24,000 megawatts of wind power potentially added to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) for additional needed transmission lines.

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The chairman expressed concern about the fact that the SPP continues to speculate about the construction of transmission lines and he is concerned that we are not moving on building the lines.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.