

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on March 15, 2005 in outside Room 115-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Annie Kuether - Excused
Representative Carl Krehbiel - Excused
Representative Judy Morrison - Excused
Representative Peggy Mast - Excused
Representative Vaughn Flora - Excused
Representative Eric Carter - Unexcused
Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau - Excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Others attending: None

Chairman Holmes explained that in order to address issues arising from proposed legislation, the committee was urged to introduce resolutions. Two resolutions had been drafted. One was to urge the Corporation Commission to initiate a proceeding to evaluate the development and status of local service competition in areas of the state served by local exchange carriers that have elected price cap regulation and the second is to form a task force to identify a solution to the issues presented during hearings on **HB 2146**. Representative Sloan moved to introduce the resolutions. Representative Svaty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee recessed to begin the tour of Westar Energy's Emergency Operations Facilities.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.