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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:05 a.m. on February 6, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Eric Carter
Representative William Kassebaum
Representative Roger Reitz
Representative Judy Showalter
Representative Jerry Williams

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: Janet Buchanan, Kansas Corporation Commission
Edwardo Rodriguez, SBC - Kansas

Others attending: See Attached List

Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications for the Kansas Corporation Commission, distributed a map showing the general locations of availability of cable broadband and DSL service in the state (Attachment 1).

Legislative Research Staff distributed the Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement on the Corporation Commission's Docket No. 98-SWBT-677-GIT (Attachment 2).

Chairman Holmes welcomed Edwardo Rodriguez, Regulatory Area Vice President for SBC Kansas, who provided an update on the progress of SBC's deployment of broadband in the state (Attachments 3 and 4). Mr. Rodriguez provided lists of the 24 Kansas communities that were to receive DSL under the January 2000 677 Stipulation and of the 81 communities to receive DSL under the January 2004 677 Revised Stipulation. Mr. Rodriguez responded to questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2004.