

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:04 a.m. on January 14, 2003 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Nile Dillmore
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: Dave Holthaus, Kansas Electric Cooperatives
Bruce Graham, Kansas Electric Power Cooperatives, Inc.
Steve Miller, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes led the introduction of committee members and staff. He then distributed a list of committee rules and copies of conferee rules were distributed to those in attendance.

A list of bill topics for introduction was distributed (Attachment 1). Representative Sloan moved to introduce the bills as committee bills. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Holmes reminded the committee of the tour of the SBC facilities on Thursday, then outlined the proposed agenda for the session.

The committee recessed at 9:30 to join the Senate Utilities Committee for briefings.

Senate Utilities Chairman Stan Clark welcomed Dave Holthaus, Manager of Government Relations for the Kansas Electric Cooperatives. Mr. Holthaus briefed the joint committee on the background of the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, in addition to providing information about the member/owner cooperatives (Attachment 2).

Mr. Bruce Graham, Vice President of Member Services and External Affairs for Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo), addressed the joint committee. Mr. Graham stated that KEPCO is a generation and transmission utility that provides wholesale electricity and other services to 19 member rural distribution cooperatives (Attachment 3). They also have a six percent (6%) ownership of the Wolf Creek Generating Station.

Steve Miller, Senior Manager for External Affairs for the Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, spoke to the joint committee about the company's activities (Attachment 4). Mr. Miller detailed the 2002 operations performance and outlined the quality of service and rates in relation to industry standards.

Mr. Holthaus, Mr. Graham and Mr. Miller responded to questions from the members of the joint committee.

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In response to questions, Mr. Miller distributed a flow chart (Attachment 5) showing the company's restructuring.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Holmes allowed introduction of those in attendance. Representative Sloan spoke about the presentation that afternoon about KAN-ED. Chairman Holmes briefed the committee on energy issue activities he had been involved in during the past year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2003.