

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on February 12, 2009, in Room 545-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except
Senator Emler, excused
Senator McGinn, excused

Committee staff present:
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Heather Starnes, Southwest Power Pool, Little Rock, Arkansas

Others attending:
See attached list.

Overview of Southwest Power Pool

Heather Starnes, Little Rock, Arkansas, presented the overview of Southwest Power Pool with a power point presentation. This is a member driven organization and they help their members develop and implement policies. She reviewed their company background, the various milestones achieved, their coverage for all or part of seven states, their current operation in Little Rock, Arkansas, and statistics on their service territory. Maps on their feasibility cluster study results were discussed. Their Joint Coordinated System Plan (JCSP) was described. In discussing various kinds of renewables, Ms. Stearns noted with wind energy that transmission will need to accommodate other types of generation to help balance the wind generation as it doesn't always blow at the time of peak usage and this needs to be balanced out in order to maintain voltage control and reliability, (Attachment 1)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris
Committee Assistant

Attachments – 1