

Approved: March 21, 2012

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carl Holmes at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 2, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman-excused
Representative Annie Kuether-excused
Representative Reynaldo Mesa-excused
Representative Richard Proehl-excused
Representative Joe Seiwert-excused
Representative Mike Slattery-excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research
Brian Turnbull, Kansas Legislative Research
Matt Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Victory Electric Cooperative - Terry Janson, Manager
Victory Electric Cooperative- Harold Flack
DS&O Electric Cooperative - Don Hellwig, Manager
KCP&L - Bill Menge, Smart Grid Director
BPU - Bill Johnson, Manager of Electric Operations
Westar - Hal Jensen, Smart Star Director

Others in attendance:

Twenty-one including the attached list.

Informational Hearing on Smart Metering in Kansas

Victory Electric Cooperative - Terry Janson, manager, spent time introducing Victory Electric to the committee. Harold Flax, systems analyst, (Attachment 1) offered the committee information about their smart meter program and how it is currently working, what the advantages are to their customers, and how they benefit from the smart meter system.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, and Vern Swanson.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES Committee at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 2,
in 785 of the DSOB.

DS&O Electric Cooperative - Don Hellwig, Manager, ([Attachment 2](#)), spoke to the committee about their smart meter program. He noted that the meters are the same as the old ones, but they have items added to them that help them analyze energy usage customer by customer.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Vern Swanson, and Forrest Knox.

KCP&L - Bill Menge, Smart Grid Director, ([Attachment 3](#)), spoke to the committee about their smart-grid project, the ARRA money they received to fund the project, and outreach to the consumer to teach them about the technology and how to use it to their benefit.

BPU - Bill Johnson, Manager of Electric Operations, ([Attachment 4](#)), spoke to the committee on their system and how it integrates both water and electricity into their smart meter grid system that they are implementing.

Westar - Hal Jensen, Smart Star Director, ([Attachment 5](#)) offered information to the committee regarding Westar's smart grid program and how it is working for them.

Questions were asked of all conferees, and comments made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan, Don Hineman, Vern Swanson, Mike Burgess, and Carl Holmes.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.