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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 9, 2012 in 785 of the DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman-excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research

Matt Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes

Renaë Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

RJ Wilson, Chesapeake Energy

James Roller, Chesapeake Energy

Others in attendance:

Eighteen including the attached list.

Presentation on Fracturing by Chesapeake Energy

RJ Wilson introduced the Chesapeake Energy speaker for the day.

James Roller, Chesapeake, ([Attachment 1](#)) spoke to the committee about Kansas' unconventional oil and natural gas production and the use of hydraulic fracturing to extract this energy source. He noted that Aubry McBrenan and Tom Ward were the originators of this company in 1986 with \$50,000 investment. They believe domestic oil and gas is an opportunity to wean the United States off the overseas sources. Mississippi Lime has three kinds of resources that can be extracted with a portion of that find in south central Kansas. The five basic steps for oil and natural gas production are: site selection/preparation, drilling, completing, production and reclamation. The video explaining their extraction process can be found online at:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYQcSz27Xp8>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73mv-Wl5cgg&feature=relmfu>

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Mr. Roller spoke about the website [www.fracfocus.org](http://www.fracfocus.org) that can be used to find the products used in fracking for each well drilled for extraction of oil and natural gas. [www.Hydraulicfracturing.com](http://www.Hydraulicfracturing.com) is a site that can be used to find the animated videos and other information on the fracking process.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Vern Swanson, Don Hineman, Stan Frownfelter, Reynaldo Mesa, Tom Sloan, Nile Dillmore, Joe Seiwert, Don Schroeder, Mike Slattery, and Carl Holmes.

The informational hearing on Fracking was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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