Approved: February 2, 2004

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 21, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jim Barone- excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

M. Lee Allison, Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Kansas Energy Plan 2004

M. Lee Allison, Chair, State Energy Resources Coordination Council, reviewed the findings of the State Energy Resources Coordination Council as reported in Kansas Energy Plan 2004. The full report can be viewed on www.kansasenergy.org. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Allison noted the Council divided the state energy plan into three components: (1) activities that the Council itself will pursue; (2) items that are ready for and require legislative action; and (3) items the Council needs to study before attempting to take action or make recommendations. He reviewed energy consumption from coal, petroleum, natural gas nuclear power and renewables and energy production from oil, gas, electric and wind energy. He mentioned that new sources of wind energy depend on the Federal Production Tax Credit Energy Bill being renewed.

He gave an overview of U.S. natural gas storage, on the Summit on Natural Gas held on Oct. 2, 2003 at Washburn University, Topeka, and on wind resources in Kansas. Their requested legislation has been introduced by the House Utilities Committee.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities will be January 22, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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