MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 10, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Wagle, excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mark Schreiber, Westar

Tim Rush, Great Plains Energy Charles Benjamin, Sierra Club

Jay Barnes, Kansas Natural Resources Council

Larry Holloway, KCC David Springe, CURB Bruce Graham, KEPCO J. C. Long, Aquila

Others attending: See attached list

Chair opened the hearing on:

HB 2130 - Encouragement of increased electric transmission capacity; facility siting; pass-through of costs.

Proponents:

Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy (Attachment 1)

Tim Rush, Great Plains Energy (Attachment 2)

Jay Barnes, Kansas Natural Resources Council (Attachment 3)

Charles Benjamin, Sierra Club (Attachment 4)

J. C. Long, Aquila (written testimony only) (Attachment 5)

Opponents:

Larry Holloway, KCC (<u>Attachment 6</u>) Dave Springe, CURB (<u>Attachment 7</u>)

Question asked - who suggested this bill? Answer - Southwest Power Pool comprised of KCPL, Westar, Sunflower and Aquila. approached the House Utilities Committee regarding this bill.

Discussion on the suggested amendment. Chair closed hearing on HB 2130.

Chair opened hearing on

 $\frac{HCR\ 5007\ -\ Resolution\ urging\ FERC\ to\ take\ action\ to\ ensure\ expansion\ and\ improvement\ of\ the\ electric\ \underline{transmission\ system}$

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE at on March 10, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Proponents

Bruce Graham, KEPCO (<u>Attachment 8</u>) Charles Benjamin, Sierra Club (<u>Attachment 4</u>)

Chair closed hearing on **HCR 5007**The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on March 11, 2003

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Ann McMorris, Secretary

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