Approved: <u>March 28, 2007</u>

Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Rob Olson at 9:00 A.M. on March 7, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were except:

Carl Homes-excused Vaugh Flora-excused Forrest Knox-excused Judy Morrison-excused Tom Sloan-excused

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Renae Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Leo Haynos, KCC

Others attending:

Nine including the attached list.

Hearing On:

SB 326 State corporation commission duties concerning natural gas and energy in emergency.

Proponents:

Leo Haynos, KCC, (<u>Attachment 1</u>), presented testimony in support of <u>SB 326</u>. The KCC supports this bill because it updates the law to reflect the Commissions current capabilities. The proposed revision to the statute would still require the KCC to develop an emergency management plan but would limit the scope of the plan to natural gas and electricity. He noted the proposed revision would also align the activation of emergency response with the emergency response structure now in place and adopted by the governor.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Hawk, Terry McLachlan, Bill Light, Annie Kuether, Rob Olson, and Tom Moxley.

Questions were also answered by Don Low, KCC.

The hearing on **SB 326** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2007 where the committee will be taking a tour of AT&T, Kansas.

Meeting adjourned.