

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 10:20 a.m. on adjournment of the Senate on February 16, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Barone, excused
Senator Wagle, excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Mike Reecht, AT&T
Joe Fritton, Director, Division of Facilities Management

Others attending: See enclosed list.

Continued hearings on:
SB 111 - State Corporation commission, investigations initiated by complaint

Opponent:
Mike Reecht, Government Affairs Consultant, American Telephone & Telegraph (Attachment 1)

Chair closed hearing on **SB 111**.

SB 112 - Corporation Commission, energy cost adjustment clauses

Chair opened for questions. Committee questioned no historical reference to disallowance. Joe White of KCC explained the procedures followed by the Commission. Current regulations were set in 1977 before deregulation. Study is being made on new operating procedures of the market and getting input from the producers, marketers, etc. Walker Hendrix noted the issue is that KCC does not do an ongoing review of purchasing practices of distributing companies. He referred to the prudency review of contracts conducted by Missouri. Since 1977 when the KCC regulations were set, there has been a shift from longer term contracts to short term contracts. KCC should look at what opportunities are available to the companies for purchasing. A question also was asked on a current docket. White noted performance-based rates are a part of the solution. KCC looks at many different alternative to reach a prudent decision.

Chair reported he and Rep. Holmes had written a letter to KCC requesting comparison of the December bills of each company and asking for a itemization of componets. No date set for receipt of this report.

Chair closed hearing on **SB 112**.

SCR 1606 - Setting temperature in state buildings at 66 degrees

Joe Fritton, Director of the Division of Facilities Management, provided information on the operations of state buildings. (Attachment 2)

Chair opened for questions. Committee asked questions on setting thermostats and increase in cost as compared to consumption.

Chair closed hearing on **SCR 1606**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Cynthia Smith, Kansas City Power and Light, a balloon for **SB 177** for consideration by the committee.
(Attachment 3)

Next meeting of Senate Utilities will be held on February 19.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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