

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:10 a.m. on January 18, 2000 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Tom Klein

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Larry Holloway, Acting Utility Division Director,
Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Chairman Holmes requested approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2000 meeting. Rep. Sloan moved and Rep. Alldritt seconded that the minutes be approved with correction. Motion carried.

Chairman Holmes introduced the Kansas Corporation Commission commissioners: John Wine, Chairman; Cynthia Claus and Brian Moline. Chairman Wine presented a brief personal background as introduction to the committee. He also spoke to the differences in dealing with co-workers, constituents, administration and staff on issues that may or may not be proprietary.

Commissioner Cynthia Claus also provided a short personal history and information on her two years as a commissioner. Commissioner Brian Moline shared his personal history and more than one year commission experience.

Chairman Holmes introduced Jeff Wagaman, Executive Director of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Chairman Holmes welcomed Larry Holloway, Acting Utility Division Director of the Kansas Corporation Commission. Mr. Holloway briefed the committee on the status of the electric and gas dockets. (Attachments 1, 2 and 3) He also provided information on data supplied by the Department of Energy, Energy Information Agency entitled 'Kansas Electric Utility Information' (Attachment 4). Also distributed were three maps; Kansas Average Electric Rates Cost per KWh (Attachment 5); Electric Certified Areas, Transmission Lines and Power Plants in Kansas (Attachment 6); and Certified Areas of Natural Gas Public Utilities in Kansas (Attachment 7).

Mr. Holloway stated that the KCC had closed approximately 80% of the dockets that were opened in calendar year 1999 and numerous other dockets were in the process of having orders written or otherwise concluded. He highlighted several of the dockets including the Western Resources/KCPL merger application and a general investigation docket on the Southwest Power Pool overall generation capacity.

Mr. Holloway then responded to questions from Rep. Alldritt, Rep. Krehbiel, Rep. Sloan, Rep. Myers, Rep. McClure, Rep. Dahl, Rep. Loyd and Rep. Holmes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Next meeting will be January 19, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.