

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 1, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Tatiana Lin, KSU Legislative Fellow
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Martha Smith, Kansas Manufactured Housing Association
Luke Bell, Kansas Association of Realtors
Richard Spring, Kansas City Power & Light

Others in attendance: See attached list

Leo Haynos, KCC, had been asked to provide information on what other states are doing on One Call. He provided a document listing language from statutes of other states that address the option of limited membership in One Call. The excerpts deal with the issues of limited participation in the call center and expansion of the tolerance zone. (Attachment 1)

Chair continued the hearing on:

SB 120 - Energy efficiency standards for certain new buildings, disclosure of such standards to potential real estate purchasers.

Opponents:

Martha Neu Smith, executive director, Kansas Manufactured Housing Association, noted while the Manufactured Housing Industry is excluded from this statute because it is federally regulated, **SB 120** is applicable to Modular Housing. She suggested the Disclosure language be changed to “upon request and prior to the signing of the contract to purchase” and that the Disclosure form remain in the statute. (Attachment 2)

Luke Bell, director of government relations, Kansas Association of Realtors, also recommended a change in the language of **SB 120** similar to that suggested by Kansas Manufactured Housing Association. (Attachment 3)

Chair closed the hearing on **SB 120**.

Regional Transmission Organizations

Richard Spring, vice president, Transmission Services, Kansas City Power & Light, gave a power point presentation on Electric Transmission. He discussed the transmission system, grid reliability, Electric Reliability Organization (ERO), and Regional Transmission Organization (RTO). He provided the history of RTO formation, their activities, and benefits. He reviewed the Southwest Power Pool formation and growth. SPP services include reliability coordinator, transmission tariff administration, transmission planning and operating studies. The SPP transmission expansion plan creates a detailed list of projects across the entire SPP region. He reported on the current SPP expansion plan and transmission rates. He reviewed maps of the entire United States diagramming NERC regions and interconnections and approved RTOs and existing ISOs and a map of the states with the SPP footprint. (Attachment 4)

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Reitz, the minutes of the Senate Utilities Committee meetings on January 29, 2007 and January 30, 2007 be approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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