

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 7, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See attached list

Wes Ashton of Aquila was given permission to speak before the committee to announce two strategic transactions and distribute a press release - (1) Great Plains Energy to acquire Aquila's Missouri Properties for cash and stock, forging strong regional electric utility and (2) Black Hills Corporation to acquire Aquila's utility properties in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, broadening its regional presence and retail utility base. (Attachment 1)

Chair opened for possible action on
SB 49 - Kansas universal service fund, VoIP providers

Janet Buchanan of the Kansas Corporation Commission, provided an update on the current status of the docket but could not say when it would be scheduled for hearing since it is not covered under a statutory timeline.

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Reitz, SB 49 be passed out favorably. Motion carried.

Discussion was held before the final vote on whether passing this bill should follow the KCC action on the docket; whether passing this bill would benefit the KCC in their decisions; what happens to funds that are collected and then there is a change in procedure and refund is required. Consensus that this bill should be worked and would set the policy for KCC.

Approval of minutes

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Reitz, minutes of the Senate Utilities Committee meetings held on January 31, 2007, February 1, 2007 and February 6, 2007 be approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachments - 1