

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on March 15, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Senator Mark Taddiken- excused

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: None

Others in attendance: See attached list

Chair opened for further action on

HB 238 - State corporation commission authorized to fix, charge and collect fees for application for intent to drill a well. Tom Day, Legislative Liaison, Kansas Corporation Commission, explained the intent of **SB 238** allows KCC to issue application for intent to drill and charge a fee to be set by rules and regulations.

Ed Cross of KIOGA, provided a balloon of **SB 238** prepared by the Revisor which was a technical clean up to make the administration of this program more functional. He explained the various additions and deletions throughout the bill language. (Attachment 1) The committee inquired of the KCC what the cap would be. Mr. Day indicated the cap of \$300.00, that the committee had discussed earlier, was acceptable to KCC.

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Reitz, to adopt the amendments to **SB 238** as proposed by KIOGA. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Petersen, seconded by Senator Lee, the committee recall their action of March 14, 2007 on the tabling of **HB 2485** and return **HB 2485** to the committee for further action. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Pyle, seconded by Senator Petersen, to gut **HB 2485**, insert amendments proposed for **SB 238** by KIOGA and retitle the bill as **Substitute for HB 2485**. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Reitzm, seconded by Senator Apple, to move **Substitute for HB 2485** out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Chair opened for further action on

HB 2033 - Certain public utility construction work in progress required to be included in rate base
Jim Ludwig, Westar Energy, explained this bill would amend the law to make it a requirement that KCC allow for refund of funds paid for Construction Work in Progress (CWIP).

Moved by Senator Lee,
carried. 'No' vote recorded for Senator Francisco.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Pyle, seconded by Senator Apple, minutes of the Senate

Discussion on the committee's intent in their request at their March 14, 2007 meeting for an interim study on **HB 2485** to include design standards for public buildings as well as L.E.D. traffic signals. Research staff will prepare a letter to be sent to the LCC and the Joint Committee on State Building Construction.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachment - 1