

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 21, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Robert Tyson, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

J. C. Long, Aquila
Steve Ferry, Aquila, Operating VP Electric, Great Bend
Scott Heidtbrink, Aquila, Operating VP Natural Gas, Lawrence

Others attending: See attached list

Chair Clark announced the cancellation of the January 23 Senate Utilities Committee meeting. Former Senator Jim Allen died on Monday, January 20 and his funeral is on Thursday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa University Chapel in Ottawa, KS. The presentation scheduled by Westar has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 6.

Senator Taddington introduced his pages from Sabetha.

Presentation by Aquila

J. C. Long of Aquila summarized the company's background and name changes made by Aquila. He introduced Scott Heidtbrink, operating vice president of Natural Gas from Lawrence.

Scott Heidtbrink reviewed the Kansas Gas Operations Profile, the steps taken for deregulation and then the change back to regulation, the California energy crisis and its effect on gas operations and ratings comparison. (Attachment 1)

Steve Ferry, operating vice president electric from Great Bend, reviewed the Aquila networks - Kansas electric operations profile and Kansas electric outlook. (Attachment 1)

The committee questioned areas involving customer service, long range planning, advantages of wind farms, comparison of pricing and liability status and management structure.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on January 22.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE at on January 21, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Attachments - 1