

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 22, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kyle K. Wetzel, President & CEO, K. Wetzel & Co., Inc., Lawrence

Others attending: See attached list

Chair Clark noted a question at the Tuesday meeting was asked as to how well deregulation worked. He handed out a report on this subject entitled "Texas Public Utility Commission Grades Deregulation" which appeared in the January 21 Houston Chronicle. (Attachment 1)

Senator Clark introduced his pages, Drew, Brett and Joel Frasier from Sharon Springs.

Presentation on Renewables, Wind & Conservation

Kyle Wetzel, president and CEO, K. Wetzel & Company, Inc. of Lawrence, KS, addressed the following issues:

1. Overview of the Kansas Renewable Energy Working Group (KREWG)
2. Rural Economic Development from Renewable Energy
3. Status of Renewable Energy in Kansas - Progress & Challenges
4. Efforts of the Kansas Renewable Energy Working Group
5. Renewables Activities Nationally and Regionally
6. Possible Renewables and Conservation Policy Initiatives
7. Comments on the State Energy Resources Coordination Council

He encouraged the committee to consider a Renewable Portfolio Standard, to reconsider the net metering policies and to retain the property tax abatement for renewable energy equipment. (Attachment 2)

Pro and con discussion regarding the Flint Hills being considered as a site for a wind farm.

Chair Clark briefed the committee on presentations scheduled before the committee during the next two weeks.

The next meeting of the committee will be on January 27.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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