

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 18, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached List.

Chairman Clark opened for discussion and possible action on:

SB 382 - Recovery of certain costs of security measures, public utilities

The hearing on **SB 382** was held on February 11, 2004 with proponents from Westar and Kansas City Power and Light, and opponents from KCC and CURB. Chair Clark requested a brief review of the views of the proponents and opponents - Tim Rush of KCPL and Larry Holloway of KCC provided this review.

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Taddiken, amend **SB 382** by reinserting the language on line 31 and changing the date to 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Barone, **SB 382** be passed out favorably as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of Senate Utilities Committee minutes

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Tyson, Senate Utilities Committee minutes for the dates of February 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 11, 12, 16 and 17, 2004 be approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark opened for discussion and possible action on

SB 360 - Public Utilities, costs of new facilities

The hearing on **SB 360** was held on February 3, 2004. Additional information was provided by James Bartling of Atmos Energy who explained the various calculations made for a Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program. (Attachment 1) Further discussion and action was postponed on **SB 360**.

SB 309 - increasing certain penalties for public utilities or common carriers and **SB 310** - public utilities subsidization of non-regulated affiliates will be discussed and possible action taken on February 19, 2004.

SB 455 - industrial wind turbine development

A hearing will be scheduled for Monday, February 23. The informational hearing on February 17 allowed proponents to voice their views, therefore on Monday, February 23 proponents will be limited to a short period of time and opponents will be given the balance of time for their testimony. Senator Tyson and Senator Wagle were assigned the task of setting out specific points for discussion.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee is scheduled for February 19, 2004.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McMorris, Secretary
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