

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 11, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Tyson, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Rep. Larry Powell  
Charles Benjamin, Attorney  
Philip Ridenour, Attorney  
Roni Strecker  
Bernie Nordling  
Doug Smith  
John Crump, Southwest Royalty Owners  
Scott Schneider, RES-NA

Others attending: See attached list

Tom Day of KCC delivered a paper from Larry Holloway regarding transmission costs on which the committee had questions on March 10. (Attachment 1)

Chair opened hearing on  
**HB 2280** - requiring the recording of leases related to wind resources and technologies

Proponents:

Rep. Larry Powell (Attachment 2)  
Charles Benjamin, Attorney (Attachment 3)  
Philip Ridenour, Attorney (Attachment 4)  
Bernie Nordling (Attachment 5)

John Pinegar - presented the testimony for Ridenour & Nordling who were unable to attend.

Opponents:

Scott Schneider, RES-NA (Attachment 6)

Discussion regarding leases and/or agreements; statutory authority on filing leases; and length of time for filing of five days. It was indicated there would be no problem for this 5 day period to be changed to 60 to 90 days. Revisor of statutes will research the statutes on requirements for filing of leases and provide a response. Closed the hearing on **HB 2280**.

Chair opened for action on  
**HCR 5007** - Resolution urging FERC to take action to ensure expansion and improvement of the electric transmission system.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE at on March 11, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Moved by Senator Barone, seconded by Senator Emler, **HCR 5007** be moved out favorably. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Tyson, approval of the minutes for meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee on February 21, 2003 and February 25, 2003. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the committee will be on March 12, 2003.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann McMorris, Secretary  
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