

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:

Senator Robert Tyson- excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes

Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research

Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Tom Sloan

Bruce Graham, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation

Alan Myers, Aquila

Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy

Larry Holloway, KCC

David Springe, CURB

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairman Clark opened the hearing on

HB 2516 - Incentives to increase electric transmission system and generation capacity; state corporation commission powers.

Proponents -

Rep. Tom Sloan (Attachment 1)

Bruce Graham, VP, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Attachment 2)

In conjunction with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and
Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Alan Myers, Transmission Services, Aquila (Attachment 3)

Mark Schreiber, Senior Manager, Govt. Affairs, Westar Energy (Attachment 4)

Neutral

Larry Holloway, Chief of Energy Operations, KCC (Attachment 5)

KCC has some concerns and proposed amendments to the bill by deleting New Sections 3 and 7 and changing the language in New Section 8 where the word "shall" appears to the word "may".

Opponents

David Springe, Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board (Attachment 6)

Chairman Clark summarized the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority legislation. This legislation would create an agency to fund grid projects for new plants. Full text can be found at:

<http://legislweb.state.wy.us/2004/engross/SF0052.pdf>

Chair opened for discussion. Questions regarding time requirement on depreciation, clarification on the proposed amendments to **HB 2516** by KCC, cost apportionment for building transmission lines across the state. Further discussion will be held at a later meeting.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee is scheduled for March 10, 2004.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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