

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 A.M. on February 3, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman-excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Presenters:

Guy McDonald, KCC
Tom Day, KCC

Others attending:

Twenty-six including the attached list.

Representative Forrest Knox moved the committee introduce variable time of use tariff requirement bill introduced.. Seconded by Vern Swanson. Motion carried.

Representative Holmes noted that the committee will have a tour of AT&T facilities across the street.

Representative Holmes noted that ERCOT had some rolling blackouts during this snow storm and Representatives Knox noted that Sunflower is having some electric issues also.

Informational Updates:

KCC Report on Broadband Mapping

Tom Day, KCC, introduced the Broad band initiative topic. He noted that the KCC will attempt to have the ARRA updates that was scheduled for Tuesday of this week. He introduced Ward Lloyd, Christine Aarnes and Guy McDonald.

Guy McDonald, KCC, (Attachment 1), offered the committee information testimony on the broadband availability initiative. His testimony was an explanation of the report to the legislature required by K.S.A. 66-1250 through 1254. Within the testimony were several attachments that helped explain the state of broadband service to the residents of the State of Kansas. He noted that there are 21 counties that are falling below the statewide average of 99.72% coverage.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Don Hineman, Vern Swanson, Reynaldo Mesa, Tom Sloan, Forrest Knox, and Carl Holmes.

Christine Aarnes, Kansas Corporation Commission, and Corey Mohn, Department of Commerce, helped answer questions posed by the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M.