

Approved: May 2, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carl Holmes at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 27, 2012 in 785-DSOB.

All members were present except:

Representative Rob Bruchman
Representative Joe Seiwert
Representative Mike Slattery
Representative Vern Swanson

Committee staff present:

Renae Hansen, Committee Assistant
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research
Matt Sterling, Kansas Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tom Gross-KDH&E
Westar- Bill Eastman
Sunflower-Clare Gustin
KCP&L-Scott Jones
BPU-Joe Dick

Others in attendance:

Seventeen including the attached list.

Informational Hearing on:

EPA Proposed Regulation on CO₂ emissions

Tom Gross, KDH&E, (Attachment 1) spoke to the committee about the EPA proposed March 27, 2012 regulations on CO₂ emissions, and what their effects on the current energy plants might be. Additionally, Mr. Gross gave the committee a historical update on the greenhouse gas regulation timelines from May 2007 to the present. He noted what the new proposal would not apply to. His testimony included a few tables with 2011 recorded pounds CO₂ emissions per megawatt hour.

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Westar, Bill Eastman, ([Attachment 2](#)), presented a table to the committee with Westar's energy producing units and the CO₂ emissions per megawatt hour.

Sunflower, Clare Gustin ([Attachment 3](#)), presented a table to the committee with Sunflower Energy's CO₂ emissions per megawatt hour for each of their plants.

KCP&L, Scott Jones, ([Attachment 4](#)), presented testimony to the committee regarding the CO₂ emissions per megawatt hour of their energy producing plants. Of note is the Iatan 2 unit that is brand new and emits 1,831 pounds of the CO₂ emissions per megawatt hour. He commented that without carbon capture installed it is difficult to build a fossil fuel unit within the required parameters of the proposed EPA rulings.

BPU, Joe Dick, ([Attachment 5](#)), presented testimony explaining their numbers as well as the table with the CO₂ emissions per megawatt hour.

Empire ([Attachment 6](#)) presented written testimony regarding the CO₂ emissions per megawatt hour of their energy producing units.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Carl Holmes, Forrest Knox, Annie Kuether, and Don Hineman.

Additionally, Representative Greg Smith provided an article to the committee regarding the EPA's proposed rulings:

- The EPA's Faulty Science Can Be Stopped, ([Attachment 7](#))

And an article on hydraulic fracking:

- Exxon's big bet on shale gas, ([Attachment 8](#))

The informational hearing was closed.

Continued Action on:

HR 6018- Opposing United Nations Agenda 21

Representative Forrest Knox moved to amend HR 6018, (Attachment 9), seconded by Representative Reynaldo Mesa.

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Discussion ensued and comments were made by Representatives: Forrest Knox, Tom Sloan, and Greg Smith.

Motion to amend was passed 9-4.

The motion was considered to table the bill that was proposed April 25, 2012

Motion to table passed 8-6.

Action on **HR 6018** was closed.

Chairman Holmes and Vice Chair Knox gave some closing comments for the two year session.

There are no more scheduled meetings for the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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