

Approved: January 24, 2012
Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 17, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jay Emler, excused

Committee staff present:

Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tom Gross, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Paul Ling, Kansas City Power & Light Company
Patrick Cassidy, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairperson Apple called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Update on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) New Regulations

Tom Gross, Bureau of Air, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, presented an overview and update of Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), Ozone Status, Mercury and Air Toxic Standards (MATS), EGU New Source Performance Standards (SPS), Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) and Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT). He explained KDHE involvement in the various areas. (Attachment 1)

Paul Ling, KCP&L Environmental Manager, discussed the effect the new EPA regulations have on KCP&L and their compliance activities during the stay of this rule. (Attachment 2)

Patrick Cassidy, Director, Environmental Services, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities, reviewed the background of BPU and described their various power stations and the issues and costs involved in complying to the new EPA rule. (Attachment 3)

Questions from the committee voiced concerns of the cost to each customer including the percent increase in customer rates, and request for a breakdown of the cost to the various areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant
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