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Date

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Apple at 1:30 p.m. on January 31, 2012 in Room 548-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, Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:  
Robert Kovar, Miami County – a concerned citizen  
Dana Bradbury, General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission  
David Springe, Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board

Others attending: See attached list.

### Issues related to KCP&L Recent Rate Increase

Robert Kovar, Miami County resident, described the steps that led to his filing a formal complaint with KCC regarding his rate increase from Kansas City Power & Light and the subsequent actions after the filing. He discussed four areas where he felt there had been no consideration given to the customer. (Attachment 1)

Dana Bradbury, General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, addressed the KCC process in rate case proceedings and the rate design treatment in the KCP&L 415 Docket. (Attachment 2)

David Springe, Consumer Counsel, Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, reviewed the regulatory and rate history of Kansas City Power & Light comprehensive resource plan and the KCPL Rate Case Order 415 dated November 22, 2010. He discussed a table comparing Mr. Kovar's bill to general service customers showing the rate impacts based on usage numbers provided in Mr. Kovar's complaint to the KCC. In response to the concern voiced that customers do not receive notice when rate increases are being considered, he reviewed the various ways such notices are published. (Attachment 3)

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

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