

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:07 a.m. on March 20, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Dixie Toelkes

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Stan Clark
J. C. Long, UtiliCorp United
Jack Graves, Duke Energy

Others attending: See Attached List

SB 177 - Independent power producer property, taxation, assessed rate

Chairman Holmes opened the hearing on **SB 177**.

Sen. Stan Clark addressed the committee on **SB 177** and explained the provisions thereof (Attachment 1). Sen. Clark also included in his testimony charts outlining his personal electric bill comparison based on different billing methods and a chart listing announced merchant power plants. Sen. Clark responded to questions from the committee.

J. C. Long, Director of Government Affairs for UtiliCorp United Inc., appeared in support of **SB 177** (Attachment 2). Mr. Long responded to questions from the committee.

Jack Graves, appearing on behalf of Duke Energy, testified as a proponent to **SB 177** (Attachment 3). Mr. Graves explained they supported the bill because it does not micro-manage the generation concept. Mr. Graves responded to questions from the committee.

Jim Ludwig, Western Resource's Senior Director for Regulatory Affairs, submitted written testimony in support of **SB 177** (Attachment 4).

Chairman Holmes closed the hearing on **SB 177**.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 28, 2001.