

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Forrest Knox at 9:00 A.M. on March 8, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Carl Holmes-excused
Representative Richard Proehl-excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Christine Aarnes, KCC
Ed Cross, KIOGA
David Bleakley, EKOGA
Doug Louis, KCC, Conservation Department
Representative Forrest Knox

Others attending:

Thirty-seven including the attached list.

Christine Aarnes, KCC, ([Attachment 1](#)), presented the report to the committee required by K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 66-2005 as amended by SB 350 and HB 2637 during the 2009 session. The report included:

- A Synopsis of the Statute
- Price Deregulated Exchanges
- Weighted, Statewide Average Rate for Non-wireless Residential and Single-Line Business Service
- Weighted Average Rate in Price Deregulated Exchanges
- Weighted Statewide Average Rate and the Change in the CPI
- Other Factors for Evaluating Effectiveness of Competition
 - History of Price Deregulation
 - Changes in Number of Service Providers and Market Share Information
 - Herfindahl-Herschman Index (HHI)
- Trends in the Telecommunications Market
- Prices at Date of Price Deregulation Compared to Prices as of January 1, 2011
- Price Deregulation of Bundles Services
- Bundled Services Offerings
- Bundles vs. Stand-Alone Service by Exchange
- Conclusions Drawn
- Recommended Changes

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Nile Dillmore, Don Hineman, Stan Frownfelter, Joe Seiwert, and Mike Burgess.

Hearing on:

HCR5023-Urging congress to permit the Kansas Corporation Commission to regulate hydraulic fracturing.

Proponents:

Ed Cross, KIOGA (Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association), ([Attachment 2](#)), offered testimony in support of **HCR5023**. Included in his testimony was a historical time line of hydraulic fracturing.

David Bleakley, EKOGA (Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Association), ([Attachment 3](#)), presented testimony in support of **HCR5023**.

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The minutes of the House Energy and Utilities Committee at 9:00 A.M. on March 8, 2011, in Room 785 of the Docking State Office Building.

Doug Louis, KCC (Kansas Corporation Commission), Conservation Department, ([Attachment 4](#)), spoke to the committee in support of **HCR5023**.

Written Proponents:

Ken Peterson, American Petroleum Institute, ([Attachment 5](#)) presented written testimony in support of **HCR5023**.

Wes Ashton, Black Hills Energy, ([Attachment 6](#)), gave written testimony in support of **HCR5023**.

Steve Stanfield, President, Consolidated Oil Well Services, LLC, ([Attachment 7](#)), offered written testimony in support of **HCR5023**.

There were no committee questions.

The hearing on **HCR5023** was closed.

Continued Hearing on:

HR 6008-Opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's Regulatory train wreck

Representative Forrest Knox offered additional information on **HR6008**:

- Forrest Knox, ([Attachment 8](#))
- Environmental Regulatory Time-line for Coal Units ([Attachment 9](#))
- ALEC EPA regulation to consider ([Attachment 10](#))

The KDHE presented a time-line for the Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule. ([Attachment 11](#))

There were no committee questions.

The hearing on **HR6008** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.