

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on January 31, 2006 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Diana Lee, Revisor's Office
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Buchanan, KCC
A. J. Villegas, Communication Workers of America, Inc.
David Kerr, AT&T

Others in attendance: See attached list

Continuation of the hearing on

SB 350 - Deregulation of Telecommunications

Neutral

Janet Buchanan, Chief of Telecommunications, KCC, continued her presentation on the Commission's views regarding **SB 350**. She offered an explanation on how this bill would effect bundles and services within the bundles sold individually. It was suggested that the Committee may wish to include language which would permit the price deregulation of bundles only in those exchanges for which there is a facilities-based competitor for at least a period of 2 years. Other changes in the legislation which she commented on were (1) the provisions involving exchanges with fewer than 75,000 access lines and (2) resuming price-cap regulation. These comments are included on pages 7-9 of her written testimony which is attached to the minutes for the January 30, 2006 meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee.

Proponent

A. J. Villegas, staff representative, Communications Workers of America, was unable to attend at the opening of the hearing when proponents were heard so was scheduled at the conclusion of all other testimony. He presented his testimony in support of **SB 350**. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Emler called the committees' attention to a response from Nex-Tech to questions from the committee. (Attachment 2)

At this time, David Kerr, president of AT&T, responded on several issues that had been presented during the testimony before the committee. (Attachment 3)

Chair closed the hearing on **SB 350**.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Taddiken, seconded by Senator Apple, minutes for the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on January 26, 2006 and January 30, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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