

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:09 a.m. on February 6, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Nile Dillmore

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Wine, Kansas Corporation Commission
Cynthia Claus, Kansas Corporation Commission
Brian Moline, Kansas Corporation Commission
James Haines, Westar Energy

Others attending: See Attached List

Chairman Holmes welcomed the Tom Day, Acting Executive Director for the Kansas Corporation Commission, who introduced the three commissioners to the committee, John Wine, Chairman, Cynthia Clause, Commissioner and Brian Moline, Commissioner. In turn, each provided a brief personal history and told of their experiences and a Commissioner. They responded to questions from the committee.

The House Committee recessed and was joined by the members of the Senate Utilities Committee.

Senate Utilities Chairman, Stan Clark, welcomed James Haines, President and Chief Executive Officer for Westar Energy. Mr. Haines provided an update to the joint committee on the company's current status (Attachment 1). He told of the new management in place and detailed the major events of 2002. Mr. Haines then spoke about the company's response to the Corporation Commission restructuring orders, including the announcement that they had filed a comprehensive plan with the Commission outlining how the company intends to reduce debt and become exclusively an electric utility (Attachment 2). Mr. Haines responded to questions from members of the joint committee.

The joint committee recessed and the House Committee reconvened.

The Kansas Corporation Commission Commissioners responded to additional questions from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 7, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

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