

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 7, 2006 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See attached list

Briefing on Price Deregulation of Certain States

Athena Andaya, Research Analyst, Legislative Research, had researched the deregulation laws of several Midwestern States and prepared a matrix showing a comparison to Kansas in several areas. States included in this comparison were Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. Areas covered in the comparison were (1) competition; (2) basic business lines; (3) basic residential lines; (4) call management; (5) packages/bundles; (6) CLEC/cable regulation; and (7) authority to re-regulate. (Attachment 1)

Committee asked for additional clarification on some of the language and discussed length of time the laws had been in effect in other states.

Information on SB 350

Linda Langston of Cox Communications provided information on a question raised at the hearing on **SB 350**. (Attachment 2)

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Francisco, minutes of the meeting of the Senate Utilities held on February 6, 2006, be approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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