

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on January 27, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Barone, excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
 Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
 Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

 Ken Peterson, American Petroleum Institute
 Dick Brewster, BP-Amoco
 Bob Krehbiel, KIOGA - Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Assn.
 Ceci Leonard, Devon Energy
 Steve Johnson, ONEOK
_____ Jim Bartling, ATMOS Energy
 Ron Hein, Pioneer Resources

Others attending: See attached list

Presentations of local natural gas companies, large and small drillers and producers

 Ken Peterson, American Petroleum Institute (Attachment 1)

 Dick Brewster, BP-Amoco

 As background, BP-Amoco is the largest producer of natural gas in North America. In Kansas there are over 300 employees, 225 natural gas wells, production of 150 million cubic foot of gas daily, \$700 million in assets and have a natural gas processing plant near Ulysses, KS.

 Factors pushing gas prices up are - rising oil prices, disruption of delivery of oil from Venezuela, court cases, moratoriums and restrictions. Environmentalists in Oklahoma have placed the burrowing beetle (1 ½ to 2" long black bug with red strip on its back) on the endangered list and this is creating an obstacle to the laying of natural gas lines. BP-Amoco is presently active in cleaning up groundwater in Southeast Kansas.-

 Bob Krehbiel, KIOGA - Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Assn. (Attachment 2)

 Ceci Leonard, Devon Energy (Attachment 3)

 Steve Johnson, ONEOK (Attachment 4)

 Jim Bartling, ATMOS Energy (Attachment 5)

 Ron Hein, Pioneer Resources (Attachment 6)

Approval of Minutes

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE at on January 27, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Moved by Senator Emler, seconded by Senator Brownlee, minutes of the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on January 14, 2003; January 15, 2003; January 16, 2003; January 21, 2003; and January 22, 2003 be approved.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be on January 28.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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