

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 24, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jay Emler- excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:
See Attached List.

Chair opened discussion on **SB 455** - Industrial Wind Turbine Development

Senator Wagle discussed her proposed amendment to **SB 455** to add a two year moratorium on wind turbine construction in the Flint Hills.

Discussion followed on the defined boundaries of the Flint Hills, inclusion of only a portion of some counties, tax incentives and how they are being used, the purpose of adding this amendment to give time to study all the aspects of bringing wind turbines to the Flint Hills, effect on legal contracts in existence, inclusion of private as well as commercial wind farms, elimination of the words "protected region" throughout the bill language, off site metering. Further discussion will be held on boundaries of the Flint Hills upon obtaining a dated map defining the Flint Hills boundaries.

Chair opened discussion on **SB 310** - Public utilities subsidization of non-regulated affiliates.

Susan Cunningham, Kansas Corporation Commission, explained that their proposed amendment to **SB 310** would be for the purpose of: "the Commission seeking specific authority to promulgate regulations on the issues of allegations and the issues of financial practices of utilities."

Moved by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Brownlee, **SB 310**, be amended as proposed by KCC.
Motion carried.

Moved by Senator Brownlee, seconded by Senator Lee, **SB 310** be passed out favorably as amended.
Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee will be held on adjournment of the Senate on 2/24/04.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary