

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:15 A.M. on February 25, 2008 in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Oletha Faust-Goudeau-excused
Don Myers-excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research
Carol Toland, Kansas Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor's Office
Melissa Doeblin, Revisor's Office
Rena Hansen, Committee Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Day, KCC
Representative Tom Holland, Baldwin, Kansas
Representative Mark Treaster, Pretty Prairie, Kansas
Bill Smalley, Smalley Heating and Cooling
Jill Strnad, Sunflower Wind
Tom Thompson, Sierra Club
Dan Nagengast, Director, Kansas Rural Center
Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects
Representative Vauhgn Flora, Topeka, Kansas
Nancy Jackson, Executive Director, Climate and Energy Project
Michael Bergey, President, Bergey Wind Power
Dave Springe, CURB,
Mark Schreiber, Westar
Dave Holthaus, KEC and KepCo

Others attending:

Twenty-six including the attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2872- Removing the assessment of actual expense of services by the state corporation commission

There were no proponents to **HB 2872**

Opponents:

Tom Day, KCC, (Attachment 1), offered testimony in opposition of **HB 2872**, noting the history of the original bill.

Hearing was suspended on **HB 2872**.

Hearing on:

HB 2881- Net Metering

Proponents:

Representative Tom Holland, 10th District, Baldwin City, Kansas, (Attachment 2), presented testimony in support of **HB 2881**.

Representative Mark Treaster, 101st District, Pretty Prairie, Kansas, (Attachment 3), offered testimony in

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support of **HB 2881**.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Peggy Mast, Tom Hawk, Dan Johnson, and Carl Holmes.

Bill Smalley, Smalley Heating and Cooling, ([Attachment 4](#)), offered testimony in support of **HB 2881** and noted that he feels that any renewable electric energy sent back to the grid should be included in the bill.

Jill Strnad, Director of Public Relations, Sunflower Wind, ([Attachment 5](#)), presented testimony in support of **HB 2881**.

Tom Thompson, Sierra Club, ([Attachment 6](#)), gave testimony in support of **HB 2881** to the committee.

Dan Nagengast, Director, Kansas Rural Center, ([Attachment 7](#)), offered testimony in support of **HB 2881**. He noted that there are a number of schools that are generating energy via wind energy but they are behind the meter and not contributing to the grid for energy to other consumers.

Trudy Aron, American Institute of Architects, ([Attachment 8](#)), offered testimony in support of **HB 2881**.

Representative Vaughn Flora, 57th District, Topeka, Kansas, presented testimony for Roger Ringer, Quinter Kansas, ([Attachment 9](#)), in support of **HB 2881**.

Nancy Jackson, Executive Director, Climate and Energy Project, ([Attachment 10](#)), offered testimony and comments in support of **HB 2881**.

Michael Bergey, President, Bergey Wind Power, ([Attachment 11](#)), presented testimony in support of **HB 2881+**

Opponents:

Dave Springe, CURB, ([Attachment 12](#)), spoke in opposition to **HB 2881**.

Mark Schreiber, Westar, ([Attachment 13](#)), offered written testimony in opposition to **HB 2881**.

Dave Holthaus, KEC and KepCo, ([Attachment 14](#)), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2881**. He noted that only about 20% of cooperatives across the country participate in any kind of net metering at all.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Annie Kuether, Forrest Knox, Vaughn Flora, Peggy Mast, Rocky Fund, Rob Olson, Tom Sloan, and Carl Holmes.

Phil Wages, KepCo, and Stuart Lowry, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, also helped answer questions that were asked by the committee.

The hearing on **HB 2881** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.