

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 8:00 a.m. on March 6, 2009, in LAWRENCE, KS.

All members were present except:

Representative Carl Holmes- excused
Representative Dan Johnson- excused
Representative Forrest Knox- excused
Representative Annie Kuether- excused
Representative Margaret Long- excused
Representative Don Myers- excused
Representative Cindy Neighbor- excused
Representative Rob Olson- excused
Representative Josh Svaty- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doebelin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Westar Energy
Bowersock Energy

The committee traveled to Lawrence Kansas for a tour of both the Lawrence Energy Center and Bowersock Energy.

Westar presented a power point, (Attachment 1) about their plant. Mark Schreiber handed out a Lawrence Energy Center fact sheet (Attachment 2). Additionally those in attendance were treated to a complete tour of the plant.

At Bowersock Energy the committee heard about the extensive history of the plant from Stephen Hill and an explanation of how the plant works. Additionally, the committee was able to tour the facility in its entirety. Three brochures were handed out to the tour members: Renewable Energy and Hydropower, (Attachment 3), The Bowersock Mills and Power Company, (Attachment 4), and Electricity: What is it? Where does it come from? How does it work? (Attachment 5).

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.