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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Sloan- excused  
Representative Josh Svaty- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Renaë Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Corey Mohn, Department of Commerce  
Mari Tucker, Department of Commerce  
Thomas Robb, PhD, Abengoa

Others attending:

Twenty-five including the attached list.

Corey Mohn, Department of Commerce, introduced the topic for the day: Energy Incentives Update.

Mari Tucker, Department of Commerce, ([Attachment 1](#)), spoke to the committee on the Energy Incentive Update. She gave an overview of: Alternative Energy Tax Credit, Renewable Electric Co-generation Facility, Biomass-to-Energy Plant, Coal or Coke Gasification Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant, Alternative Fuels Fueling Stations, Alternative Fuels for Vehicles, Conventional Energy tax Credits-Refineries and Pipeline, Ethyl Alcohol Production Incentive, Biodiesel Fuel Production Incentive, Kansas Retail Dealers, CO<sub>2</sub> Capture/Sequestration, and Waste Heat Utilization. She also included a summarization, ([Attachment 2](#)) of Kansas energy incentives.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Vern Swanson, Milack Talia, Mike Burgess, and Carl Holmes.

Corey Mohn, Department of Commerce, ([Attachment 3](#)), presented a power-point to the committee summarizing the Bio-fuels Industry in Kansas. He spoke to the committee on: The Basics, The State of the State, some Challenges and some Opportunities for the bio-fuels industry. Mr. Mohn included a map, ([Attachment 4](#)), that shows where there are current and future ethanol and biodiesel plants in Kansas.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Mike Burgess, Tony Brown, Annie Kuether, and Don Myers.

Thomas Robb, PhD, Abengoa, ([Attachment 5](#)), gave a power-point presentation on the Abengoa, Bio-energy Hybrid Bio-refinery in Hugoton, Kansas. He noted Abengoa plans to start construction in Hugoton, towards the end of 2009 after an environmental impact statement is done by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Department of Energy.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Tom Moxley, Carl Holmes, Annie Kuether, Joe Seiwert, Milack Talia, Mike Burgess, and Carl Holmes.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.