

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl D. Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2001 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes
Jo Cook, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Larry Holloway, Kansas Corporation Commission
Jim Ploger, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending: See Attached List

HB 2034 - Enhanced emergency ("911") telephone service

The debate continued on **HB 2034** with Rep. Dillmore offering two amendments. Rep. Dillmore moved to amend Section 4(b)(3) to add, following 'enhancements to' 'including costs directly related to construction' and, following 'telephone system' "made by local units of government." Rep. Long seconded the motion, motion failed. Rep. Dillmore then moved to amend Section 4(b)(5) to read "engineering, architectural and construction cost *directly related to the delivery of the emergency 911 telephone system by local units of governments.*" Rep. Long seconded the motion, motion failed. Rep. Loyd moved to amend page 2 line 31 through 33, where a sentence had previously been deleted, to add the words "any tax pursuant to this section shall be applied equally on any exchange telephone service, wireless service, and cable telephony service subject thereto." Rep. Dreher seconded the motion, motion failed.

Rep. Alldritt moved to recommend **HB 2034**, as amended, favorable for passage. Rep. O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rep. Sloan will carry the bill.

Larry Holloway, Chief of Energy Operations for the Utilities Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission, addressed the committee on topics and questions raised during the sub-committee meetings (Attachment 1). Mr. Holloway provided information on Independent Power Producers and Facilities, Merchant Power Plants, state and federal rules and regulations regarding merchant power plants, wholesale power sales, construction work in progress, and building new base load in the state.

Mr. Jim Ploger, Manager of the Energy Programs section of the Kansas Corporation Commission, spoke to the committee on life cycle cost analysis (Attachment 2). Mr. Ploger stated that life-cycle cost analysis is an economic method of project evaluation whereby all costs arising from owning, operating, maintaining, and ultimately disposing of a project are considered to be potentially important to that decision. He said that his office works closely with the Division of Architectural Services and they have expressed their support for the use of life cycle costs analysis. Mr. Ploger responded to questions from the committee.

The 2001 Report to the Legislature, submitted by the Kansas Corporation Commission, was distributed to committee members (copy available from the Kansas Legislative Research Department).

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6, 2001.