

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Scott Emler at 9:30 A.M. on February 1, 2005 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Olsen, Executive Director, Power Marketing, Westar Energy

Others in attendance: See attached sheet

Presentation on Long Term Power Supply by Westar

John Olsen, Executive Director, Power Marketing, Westar Energy, provided insight into Westar Utility Operations on long term power supply. Westar is Kansas' largest electric provider with generating capacity by coal, nuclear, gas/oil and wind in 14 locations. He explained their competitive low-cost generation portfolio, their load and capability forecast for 2004-2013, their weekly peak obligation, typical winter day obligation, typical summer day obligation and peak day obligation. Data on new plant characteristics was provided. He explained the monthly wind energy profile and wind resource correlation with summer load. Typical construction timelines were detailed. (Attachment 1)

There were questions from the committee regarding cost to build future nuclear plants, capacity factors, current building being conducted, wind energy potential, and conservation programs. Committee requested further information on conservation studies. Doug Sterbenz, executive vice president, power marketing, in response to question regarding coal reserves, said the supply was estimated to last for another 250 years. Cost of coal is determined a great deal by the transportation cost from mine to plant site.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senate Taddiken, seconded by Senator Pine, to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2005 meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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