

MINUTES OF THE SENATE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Emler at 9:30 A.M. on March 19, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others in attendance: See enclosed list.

Senator Apple read Resolution 7rs2427 urging the State Corporation Commission to examine the appropriateness of locations and the quality of service provided by third party pay stations for utility payments and to open a docket, if appropriate. (Attachment 1)

Moved by Senator Apple, seconded by Senator Taddiken, Resolution 7rs2427 be introduced. Motion carried.

Chair opened for discussion on

HB 2637 - Telecommunications; pricing flexibility; lifeline service program

Senator Lee had requested information which KCC provided:

1. Trends in telephone service (Attachment 2)
2. Price Data from Annual Report on Price Deregulation (Attachment 3)
3. Effect of Increased Lifeline subscribership (Attachment 4)

Questions and discussion on sources of price data, Consumer Price Index, and rate of return in regulated and deregulated areas directed to KCC Janet Buchanan and AT&T. Some questions on the effect of expansion of Lifeline on KUSF.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Reitz, seconded by Senator Petersen, approve the minutes of the meetings of the Senate Utilities Committee held on March 12, 2008, March 13, 2008 and March 17, 2008. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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