

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – 9:00 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Ken Ivory, House Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Mike K. McKell
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Justin J. Miller

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Samuel C. Johnston, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.leg.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Handy, Rep. Romero, and Rep. Stratton were absent for the vote.

2. Open and Public Meetings Training

Mr. North provided an overview of the Open and Public Meetings Act, which requires transparency of any public body that has authority to discuss and take action on issues that affect the public.

3. 2015 General Session Wrap-Up: Legislation

Mr. Johnston referred to "Relevant Bills for the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee 2015 Legislative Session," which was distributed in the mailing packet. Mr. Johnston briefed committee members on the main provisions of legislation considered during the 2015 General Session related to public utilities and technology issues.

4. Environmental Protection Agency Section 111(d) Rule Update / Report

Dr. Laura Nelson, Director, Governor's Office of Energy Development, distributed and presented "Utah's Response to EPA's Proposed 111.d Rule." Dr. Nelson gave an overview of the proposed rule, affected power plants, and the priorities of the Office of Energy Development in meeting the requirements of the proposed rule.

Mr. David Crabtree, General Counsel, Deseret Power, discussed concerns about how the proposed rule may effect the Bonanza Power Plant and the practicality of deadlines for compliance.

Mr. Chad Teply, Vice President, Generation Resource Development and Environmental Services, Rocky Mountain Power, noted that a utility like PacifiCorp, which currently operates in six states, may find the

establishment of a multistate agreement hard to accomplish within the timeframe being discussed. He stressed the importance of keeping the implementation of the rule as simple as possible.

Mr. Matt Pacenza, Executive Director, Heal Utah, noted that the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule is a modest one and compliance should be attainable. Mr. Pacenza stated that energy efficiency is necessary due to the decrease in air quality as a result of climate change.

Chair Hinkins turned the chair to Rep. Ivory.

5. Telehealth / Telemedicine: Cost-Effective, Direct Delivery Services

Mr. Justin Kahn, Chief Executive Officer, TruClinic, LLC, distributed and presented "Telemedicine in the State of Utah." Mr. Kahn discussed the development of telemedicine in the state through the innovative programs provided by TruClinic, the types of medical services that are provided, and potential cost savings benefits where telemedicine is utilized. Mr. Kahn identified three issues that may require legislative attention in the future, including guidelines for the reimbursement of telemedicine consultation, cross-state licensure, and standard of care.

Chair Ivory returned the gavel to Sen. Hinkins.

6. Interim Rule 2-2-103, Long-term Planning Emphasis

Mr. North presented and reviewed "Population and Demographic Trends in Utah." Mr. North briefed committee members on Utah's rapidly growing population and the causes of that growth, Utah's racial and ethnic mix of people, and the rapidly aging population 65 and over.

7. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Ivory moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Davis was absent for the vote.

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.