

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, April 19, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W015 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gregory S. Bell, Senate Chair  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Beverly Evans  
Sen. Darin G. Peterson  
Rep. Ralph Becker  
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke  
Rep. Fred R. Hunsaker  
Rep. Rosalind J. McGee  
Rep. Michael E. Noel

Rep. Ross I. Romero  
Rep. Aaron Tilton  
Rep. Richard W. Wheeler

**Members Absent:**

Rep. David Ure

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, 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.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 2:28 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Fowlke moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Evans, Rep. Becker, Rep. Tilton, and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

**2. 2006 General Session - Wrap Up**

Mr. Parker distributed and discussed "Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee Related Legislation -- 2006 General Session." He gave a brief overview of legislation pertaining to public utilities and technology that were introduced during the 2006 General Session.

**3. 2006 Interim Study Issues**

Chair Allen distributed and discussed "Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee 2006 Study Items."

Ms. Sarah Wright, Utah Clean Energy, asked the Committee to study the life of Utah's energy resources.

**MOTION:** Sen. Evans moved to remove the study of utility deregulation for gas, electricity, water, and cable television from the list of potential study items for 2006. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Rep. Noel, and Rep. Tilton absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Evans moved to remove the study of the oil and gas exploration and drilling permitting process from the list of potential study items for 2006.

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Sen. Dmitrich explained that permits for oil and gas exploration and drilling aren't given at the state level and should be discussed from a federal stand point. He recommended keeping the item on the potential study list.

Sen. Evans withdrew her motion.

Mr. Roger Ball, citizen, asked the Committee to study consumer utility representation.

**4. Energy Management: DFCM (Department of Facilities Construction & Management)**

Mr. Curtis Clark, State Energy Manager, DFCM, distributed and discussed "Division of Facilities Construction and Management - State Building Energy Efficiency Program." He gave a presentation on making state buildings energy efficient.

**5. Renewable Utah Energy Tax Credit**

Ms. Sarah Wright, Utah Clean Energy, distributed and discussed "Utah Renewable Energy Tax Credit." She explained why renewable energy is so important and explained several types of renewable energy resources. She also gave a summary of Utah's renewable energy tax credit.

**6. Energy - Demand Management: PacifiCorp**

Ms. Carol Hunter, PacifiCorp, distributed and discussed "Demand-Site Management - Impacts on Growing Demand." She explained several supply-side and demand-side options involved in energy conservation.

**7. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Hunsaker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Evans, Rep. Becker, Rep. Tilton, and Rep. Wheeler absent for the vote.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.