

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

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael E. Noel, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Rep. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod

Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Rep. Bradley A. Winn

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Stirling, 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.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Rep. Noel called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Urquhart, Rep. Seegmiller, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Winn were absent for the vote.

2. Electric Power Generation Follow-Up

Mr. Jason Berry, State Energy Manager, distributed "Definitions" and discussed energy related terminology.

3. Electric Energy Generation Incentives

Mr. Berry gave a presentation about statutory incentives for traditional fuel sources and responded to committee members' questions.

4. Smart Grid - Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management

Mr. Richard Walje, President, Rocky Mountain Power, distributed and discussed "Utah Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee Meeting, August 19, 2009."

5. UN - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): Update

Mr. Tom Tripp, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, introduced himself and spoke briefly about IPCC and global warming. Mr. Tripp also discussed some provisions and consequences of H.R. 2454, "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009."

6. State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC): Voice / Data Resources for Public Safety, Homeland Security, and Other State Agency Services

Mr. J. Stephen Fletcher, Executive Director, Department of Technology Services (DTS), introduced Mr. Ken Peterson, Deputy Director, DTS.

Mr. Peterson distributed and presented "Statewide Communications Interoperability Committee." He discussed the purposes of the Communications Interoperability Committee and recommended that the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee initiate a study to examine technology options for effective first responders interoperability coverage statewide and funding options for enhancing interoperability.

Mr. Peterson and Mr. Fletcher responded to committee members' questions.

7. Consolidation of State Information Technology Services: Agency Input

Mr. Mark Ward, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services, stated that since consolidation of State Information Technology Services, DTS has been an efficient resource in finding solutions to problems and in the maintenance and improvement of vital systems. He said that overall the level of service that DTS renders to the Department is high.

Mr. Rod Marrelli, Executive Director, Utah Tax Commission, said the Commission relies heavily on technology services and reported that working with DTS has proved advantageous in productivity and cost savings. Mr. Marrelli said they are pleased with the quality of service provided by DTS.

8. Review of Proposed Rules for Implementation of 2009 General Session S.B. 75, "Utility Amendments"

Mr. Ted Boyer, Chair, and Mr. Ron Allen, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, commented on the rule making process and responded to committee members' questions.

9. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hemingway moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Winn was absent for the vote.

Chair Noel adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.