

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

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. J. Stuart Adams, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael E. Noel, House Chair
Sen. Benjamin M. McAdams
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Fred C. Cox
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. Jack R. Draxler
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson

Rep. Christopher N. Herrod
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Holly J. Richardson
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Robert H. Rees, 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

Chair Noel called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Committee members introduced themselves.

Mr. North gave an overview of the "Open and Public Meetings Act Summary of Key Provisions," which was distributed in the mailing packet.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve minutes of the October 20, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Urquhart and Pres. Waddoups were absent for the vote.

2. Master Study Resolution Assignments: Discussion and Prioritization

Mr. North commented on items listed on the "Assigned 2011 Master Study Resolution Topics" and responded to committee members' questions.

3 2011 Legislative Wrap-Up

Mr. Rees distributed "Bills That Passed During the 2011 General Session Relating to Public Utilities and Technology" for review of committee members.

4. Nuclear Power Plant Safety

Mr. Matt Pacenza, Policy Director, Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL), presented "Nuclear Safety, A HEAL Utah Presentation." Mr. Pacenza discussed recent events in Fukushima and the impact of the damage to the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Mr. Pacenza encouraged the Committee to seek alternative forms of energy other than nuclear power within the state.

Dr. Nils Diaz, Director, ND2 Group, LLC, addressed the issue of nuclear safety in the U.S., commented on the recent events in Fukushima, and responded to committee members' questions.

Ms. Mary Ellen Navas, citizen, spoke on the issue and urged the Committee to encourage policies which include conservation and energy efficiency with what we already have in place and to look with care at nuclear power.

Mr. Edwin Firmage, citizen, spoke against the proposed nuclear power plant in Green River and commented on water usage by nuclear power plants as compared to the more beneficial use by St. George residents.

Mr. Bob Archibald, citizen, commented on water requirements for nuclear power plants.

5. Universal Service Fund (USF)

This item was not discussed.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Pres. Waddoups, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Richardson, and Rep. Wilcox were absent for the vote.

Chair Noel adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.