

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

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 10:30 a.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

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

Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod  
Rep. Patrick Painter  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow  
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Ken Ivory

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dougall moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams, Sen. Urquhart, and Pres. Waddoups were absent for the vote.

**2. Coal to Natural Baseload Energy Conversion**

Chair Adams turned the gavel over to Rep. Noel.

Mr. Kevin Carter, Director, Utah School and Institutional Trust Land Administration, briefed committee members on the implications of converting Utah's coal generation to natural gas. Mr. Carter indicated that the daily consumption of coal in the state is 51,000 tons, which equates to about 375 billion cubic feet of natural gas. He said that conversion would require nearly 81% of all the natural gas produced in the state and therefore natural gas would have to be diverted from other uses such as cooking or heating in order to fill the general need for electricity. Mr. Carter also responded to committee members' questions.

**3. Water Development**

Mr. Ronald Thompson, General Manager, Washington County Water Conservancy District, distributed and played the audiovisual presentation "Utah's Water Future Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Mr. Thompson also distributed a packet containing "The Mission of the Division of Water Resources," "Overview of Central Utah Water Conservancy District," "Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District: Delivering Quality Every Day," "Weber Basin Water Conservancy District," "Washington County Water Conservancy District," "Kane County Water Conservancy District," "Water Words," "Water Revenue Chart," "Planning and Funding Water Projects in Utah," and "Utah's Water History, Events and Lessons."

Mr. Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition, discussed community involvement in the development of water projects.

Mr. Thompson indicated that the two main issues that need to be considered when planning water projects are infrastructure, and the accommodation of long-term growth.

Mr. Richard Bay, General Manager, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, Mr. Tage Flint, General Manager, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, and Mr. Gene Shawcroft, Assistant General Manager, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, responded to committee members' questions about sources for additional water as population increases in the state, and the development and funding of water projects.

Chair Noel turned the gavel back over to Sen. Adams.

#### **4. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Painter moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Hemingway and Rep. Wilcox were absent for the vote.

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.