

**MINUTES**

**KANSAS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY**

March 25, 2011  
Room 546-S, Statehouse

**Members Present**

Representative Carl Holmes, Chairperson  
Earnie Lehman, Vice-chairperson  
Senator Pat Apple  
Senator Kelly Kultala  
Representative Annie Kuether  
Les Evans  
Tim McKee, Secretary

**Staff Present**

Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Rebecca Wempe, Stevens and Brand, L.L.P. (by phone)

Chairperson Holmes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The agenda was approved, and the Board took up election of officers. *Mr. Evans made a motion to retain the current slate of officers. Representative Kuether seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Chairperson Holmes welcomed Senator Kelly Kultala, the newest member of the KETA Board.

*Senator Apple made the motion below to recess into executive session, seconded by Mr. McKee. The motion carried.*

*Mr. Chairman,*

*I move to recess the meeting until 10:45 a.m. for an executive session as authorized by subsections (b)(1) and (b)(3) of KSA 74-99d04, to discuss and possibly take action on 1) proprietary information gathered from third parties pursuant to a promise of confidentiality, and 2) information which is related to transmission capacity or availability and is not otherwise available to all electric energy market participants.*

*Such information concerns transmission easements. In the opinion of the Board, disclosure of such information would be harmful to the competitive position of third parties. In addition to Board members, the executive session requires the attendance of Rebecca Wempe, Stevens and Brand, LLP; Cindy Lash and Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department; Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes; Jon Hummel, Office of the Governor; Mike Rich, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Kimberly Svaty, ITC – KMU – Wind Coalition; Mark Lawlor and George Stafford, Clean Line Energy; Brad Loveless, Westar; and Alan Pollom, The Nature Conservancy.*

*The meeting will resume in Room 546-S at 10:45 a.m.*

The Chairperson reconvened the public meeting. He recognized Tom Day, Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), who introduced Mark Sievers, Governor Brownback's nominee for the Commission.

Chairperson Holmes recognized former Senator Janis Lee. Members expressed their appreciation for her service to the KETA Board. Senator Lee was a founding member of the Board.

The minutes of the December 23, 2010, meeting were approved, and Chairperson Holmes recognized Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department, for review of the expenditure report, which showed expenses through February 28, 2011 ([Attachment 1](#)).

The Chairperson acknowledged correspondence received by the Board, including a mission statement, marketing cooperative concept, and GreenForwardNetwork summary from the Northwest Kansas Regional Energy Cooperative ([Attachment 2](#)). In addition, the Board's attorney, Rebecca Wempe, provided correspondence between U.S. Senators Bob Corker, Ron Wyden, Richard Burr, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman Jon Wellinghoff regarding FERC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation ([Attachment 3](#)).

Mr. McKee provided an update on activities of other state infrastructure authorities, and the Board reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings of the Southwest Power Pool ([Attachment 4](#)).

The Chairperson recognized Rebecca Wempe, the Board's attorney, for an update on the transmission study agreement. Ms. Wempe, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Lehman, as well as Mr. Huslig of ITC, will hold a conference call with SPP legal and engineering staff to try to resolve the remaining issues with the agreement. KETA will meet on April 27 to further consider contract issues, if the agreement has not been signed by that date ([Attachment 5](#)).

The Chairperson recognized Dave Peck, Westar Energy, for an update on the Rose Hill-Sooner 345kV line. All easements have been secured and the company is providing mitigation for spotted skunk habitat. Westar plans to begin stringing wire in August and to energize the line in February 2012. Mr. Peck provided a handout from Prairie Wind Transmission on the status of Prairie Wind's portion of the V-Plan ([Attachment 6](#)).

Chairperson Holmes recognized Carl Huslig, ITC, for a transmission update. Regarding the KETA Project, ITC has begun stringing wire for Phase I and expects to have that phase completed by June 2012. Right-of-way has not been yet secured on 10–15 tracts of land, some

of which may have to be secured through eminent domain. Phase II is proceeding well, both in Kansas and in Nebraska. Regarding the ITC portion of the V-Plan, the KCC will be holding public hearings on siting in April (Attachment 7).

The Chairperson recognized Mark Lawlor, Clean Line Energy Partners, for an update on the Grain Belt Express (Attachment 8). Members raised questions about Clean Line's Plains and Eastern Express, and how or if it could have an effect on KETA or on SPP. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Board briefly discussed the work plan outline (Attachment 9). Mr. Lehman will update the outline for the Board to review at a future meeting. KETA may wish to hear from Commerce Secretary George regarding transmission and economic development and from Adjutant General Tafanelli regarding transmission security issues.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim McKee, Secretary

Approved by the Board on:

June 21, 2011

(date)