



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes for February 26, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on February 26, 2025, 3:00 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson B., Bridges, Campbell, Cannon, Crouse, DeVault, Dillon, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Green, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Linville, Lucas, Moore, Parsons, Sheedy, Sr., Street, Young, Zatezalo.

Members absent: Delegates Howell, Maynor, Riley, Steele.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Zatezalo, the minutes of the previous meeting, February 25, 2025, were approved.

Chairman Anderson stated there will be no bills presented to the committee. Various representatives from the energy industry presented on the topic of "The Economics and Other Aspects of Microgrids in West Virginia and Our Regulated Energy Market."

Chairman Anderson recognized Mr. Stephen Nelson, CEO, Mountain State Energy. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. Nelson presented to the committee and answered questions from the committee members.

Chairman Anderson recognized Mr. Raymond Valdes, Director, Rates & Regulatory Affairs, First Energy. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. Valdes presented to the committee and answered questions from the committee members.

Chairman Anderson ceded the chair to Vice-Chairman Zatezalo.

Chairman Zatezalo recognized Mr. Philip A. Reale, Attorney-Lobbyist, Gas & Oil Association of West Virginia. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Zatezalo, Mr. Reale presented to the committee. Chairman Zatezalo called for questions of Mr. Reale by the committee members. No questions were asked of Mr. Reale by the committee members.

Chairman Zatezalo recognized Mr. Jeffrey Nehr, Senior Vice President Gas Supply and Development, Hope Gas. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Zatezalo, Mr. Nehr presented to the committee and answered questions from the committee members.

On Motion of Delegate Bill Anderson the committee adjourned.

E.W. Anderson B.
Committee Chair

Mari Humphrey
Committee Clerk