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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities was scheduled for Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, for 1:00 p.m., in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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#### The agenda summary is as follows:

Presentation on the "Status of Telecommunications Competition in Michigan" report by the Michigan Public Service Commission

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Due to a protracted Senate session, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Patterson, Senators, Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville Olshove, Thomas and Clarke, a quorum.

EXCUSED: Sen. Brown

At 2:05 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21st committee minutes. Sen. Kuipers so moved.  
The motion Passed without objection.

At 2:05 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Greg White and Ms. Robin Ancona of the Michigan Public Service Commission to present testimony regarding the status of telecommunications competition in Michigan.

Mr. White and Ms. Ancona provided the committee with copies of their presentation. (Copies of the document are available in the Clerk's files.)

Sen.(s) Patterson, Kuipers, Thomas, Clarke, Olshove and Birkholz, posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The MPSC noted:

The Michigan Public Service Commission had no legislative recommendations this year and was reluctant to propose changes.

Access charge reform was not in their proposal but the MPSC would be glad to discuss the issue with interested parties.

The MPSC was also involved with broadband development, and much like the Department of Information Technology, the MPSC is currently awaiting the release of federal guidelines regarding the stimulus money.

The Chairman thanked Mr. White and Ms. Ancona for their testimony.

At 3:00 p.m., Sen. Kuipers moved to adjourn.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

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Scott Jones,  
Clerk of the Committee

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Senator Bruce Patterson,  
Chairman of the Committee

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Date Adopted by Committee