

**AGENDA**  
**Joint Committee on Energy**  
**House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Economic**  
**Development**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Thursday, November 12, 2009**

**09:30 AM**

**Association of Arkansas Counties Building - 1415 West 3rd Street----Phone (501)372-7550**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Kim Hendren, Chair  
Sen. Shane Broadway, Vice Chair  
Sen. Paul Miller  
Sen. Ruth Whitaker  
Sen. Randy Laverty  
Sen. Jerry Taylor  
Sen. Paul Bookout  
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Rep. Robbie Wills  
Rep. Nathan George  
Rep. Frank Glidewell  
Rep. John Lowery  
Rep. Robert Moore  
Rep. Joan Cash  
Rep. Eddie Cheatham  
Rep. Eddie Hawkins  
Rep. Bryan King  
Rep. Mike Patterson

Rep. Larry Cowling  
Rep. Terry Rice  
Rep. Robert Dale  
Rep. Monty Betts  
Rep. Jim Nickels  
Rep. Johnny Hoyt, Non-Voting  
Rep. Jon Woods, Non-Voting  
Rep. Buddy Lovell, Non-Voting  
Rep. Bobby Pierce, Non-Voting  
Rep. Clark Hall, Non-Voting  
Rep. Tracy Pennartz, Non-Voting  
Rep. Walls McCrary, Non-Voting  
Rep. Richard Carroll, Non-Voting  
Rep. John Burris, Non-Voting  
Rep. Beverly Pyle, Alternate  
Rep. Dawn Creekmore, Alternate  
Rep. John Paul Wells, Alternate  
Rep. Donna Hutchinson, Alternate  
Rep. Charolette Wagner, Alternate  
Rep. Garry Smith, Alternate  
Rep. James McLean, Alternate  
Rep. Jody Dickinson, Alternate  
Rep. Jane English, Alternate

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- A. Call to order/welcome
1. Senator Kim Hendren, Co-chairman, Joint Interim Committee on Energy
  2. Representative Lance Reynolds, Co-chairman, Joint Interim Committee on Energy
  3. Representative Roy Ragland, Chairman, House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development
- B. Roll call
- C. Consideration to adopt December 15, 2008, minutes [Joint Energy Committee] **(EXHIBIT C)**
- D. Consideration to **adopt** for study [Joint Energy Committee]  
--Interim Study Proposal 2009-032 (Rep. Tiffany Rogers) *AN ACT TO DEVELOP THE BIODIESEL INDUSTRY IN ARKANSAS BY ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE OF BIODIESEL FUEL TO BE MIXED WITH DIESEL FUEL FOR RETAIL SALE IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (EXHIBIT D)*
1. Sponsor remarks, Representative Tiffany Rogers
  2. Committee discussion/action

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E. **Arkansas Lignite Opportunity** [Time allotment for each presentation is 15 minutes and additional 10 minutes for questions and answers for each topic.]

1. Environmental Impacts, Surface Mining Laws and Protections: Arkansas and Federal
  - a. Teresa Marks, Executive Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
  - b. Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director, ADEQ
  - c. James Stephens, Chief of Mining Division, ADEQ
2. Restoration of Surface Mining  
--Phil Berry, The North American Coal Corporation
3. Carbon Economics: Enhanced Oil Recovery, Sequestration, and Other Uses  
--Sherry Tucker, Denbury Resources, Inc.
4. Lignite to Synfuels
  - a. Richard E. Billo, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research, College of Engineering, University of Texas at Arlington
  - b. Brian H. Dennis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, University of Texas at Arlington
5. Economic Impact of Lignite  
--Richard Wilson, Assistant Director for Research Services, Bureau of Legislative Research
6. Natural Resources Research Center  
--David Rankin, Ph.D., President, Southern Arkansas University

F. Other Business

G. Adjournment