

## **LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes: Friday, October 23, 2009

12:30 p.m., Room 200 State Office Building

### **PRESENT**

Senator Ellen Anderson  
Senator Gary Kubly  
Senator Pat Pariseau  
Senator David Senjem  
Representative Mike Beard  
Representative Kent Eken (via telephone)  
Representative Tom Hackbarth  
Representative Bill Hilty  
Representative Frank Hornstein  
Representative Al Juhnke  
Representative Kate Knuth (via telephone)  
Representative Doug Magnus  
Representative Mary Ellen Otremba (via telephone)  
Representative Torrey Westrom

### **EXCUSED**

Senator Satveer Chaudhary  
Senator Steve Dille  
Senator John Doll  
Senator James Metzen  
Senator Julie Rosen  
Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon

### **Call to Order**

Rep. Bill Hilty called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 12:49 pm. A quorum was present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Sen. Anderson moved approval of the September 8, 2009 minutes. Motion Prevailed.

### **Presentation of Minnesota Resource Assessment Study**

Bill Glahn (Director, Office of Energy Security), presented the Minnesota Resource Assessment Study. Director Glahn's presentation was supplemented by a PowerPoint presentation, and focused on the statutory requirements, the study process, the structure of the study, the model utilized, key assumptions, scenarios and the base case results. Director Glahn and Maraya White (Manager, Energy Regulation and Planning and Energy Facilities Permitting, State Energy Office, Office of Energy Security) addressed commission members' questions.

### **Response to Minnesota Resource Assessment**

Paula Goodman Maccabee (Just Change Law Offices) testified in response to the Minnesota Resource Assessment Study. Ms. Maccabee's presentation was supplemented by a PowerPoint

presentation and focused on the assumptions in the report, baseload power, and the demand for electricity. Ms. Maccabee stood for questions.

Kristen Eide-Tollefson (Communities United for Responsible Energy) testified in response to the Minnesota Resource Assessment Study. Ms. Eide-Tollefson spoke to the assumptions, methods and limitations in the report. Ms. Eide-Tollefson stood for questions.

Arjun Makhijani (President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research) testified in response to the Minnesota Resource Assessment Study. Mr. Makhijani spoke to the modeling framework, limitations of traditional concepts and baseload power. Mr. Makhijani stood for questions.

### **Presentation on Solar Cities and Solar Energy**

Anne Hunt (Director of Environment & Energy Policy, City of St. Paul), Charlie Hemmeline (Director Market Transformation for the U.S. Department of Energy) and Jason Coughlin (National Renewable Energy Lab) gave an overview of the Solar America Cities Initiative. Ms. Hunt explained that St. Paul & Minneapolis were selected to be Solar Cities by the US Department of Energy in 2008.

Mr. Hemmeline reviewed the federal solar energy program and spoke to the goals of the program. He then spoke to the Solar America Cities program. Jason Coughlin presented the Solar America Cities Report. Mr. Coughlin's presentation was supplemented by a PowerPoint presentation and focused on solar myths, state policies, Minnesota's solar landscape, financial issues and best practices. Mr. Hemmeline and Mr. Coughlin stood for questions.

### **Next Meeting**

Rep. Hilty announced that the next meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission will be held on November 12, 2009.

There being no further business, Rep. Hilty adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.