

LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2014

Members Present:

Senator John Marty, Co-Chair
Representative Melissa Hortman, Co-Chair
Senator David Brown
Senator Scott Dibble
Senator James Metzen
Senator David Osmek
Senator Julie Rosen
Senator David Senjem
Senator David Tomassoni
Representative Andrew Falk
Representative Pat Garofalo
Representative Tom Hackbarth
Representative John Petersburg
Representative Jean Wagenius

Members Excused:

Senator Kari Dziedzic
Senator Dan Sparks
Representative David Dill
Representative Ron Erhardt
Representative Jeanne Poppe
Representative Chris Swedzinski

Senator Marty called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 3:07 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2014 in room 10 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Representative Hortman moved approval of the minutes from February 12, 2014.

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

Representative Hortman moved approval of the minutes from March 3, 2014.

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

Presenting before the committee:

Environmental Protection Agency proposed rule to reduce carbon emissions from existing power plants.

Briefing on the proposed EPA rule:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Frank Kohlasch, Manager, Air Assessment Section, Environmental Analysis & Outcomes Division

A handout was given to Commission members:

[“EPA’s Proposed Clean Power Rule”](#)

[Related State of Minnesota activities](#)

Minnesota Dept. of Employment and Economic Development – Robin Sternberg, Deputy Commissioner, Economic Development

A handout was given to Commission members:

[“Clean Energy and Economic Development Initiative”](#)

Minnesota Dept. of Commerce – Bill Grant, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Energy Resources

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board – Will Seuffert, Executive Director

Comments from Minnesota electric utilities

Great River Energy – Rick Lancaster, Vice President, Generation

A handout was given to Commission members:

[“EPA proposed rule on carbon emissions from existing power plants”](#)

Minnesota Power – Mike Cashin, Manager, Environmental Policy

A handout was given to Commission members:

[“Proposed EPA Carbon Rule, Clean Power Plan, Concerns”](#)

Otter Tail Power – Loren Laugtug, Manager, Legislative Affairs

A handout was given to Commission members:

[“Calculation of State Targets under EPA’s Proposed 111\(d\) Clean Power Plan”](#)

Xcel Energy – Jack Ihle, Director, Environmental Policy

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association – Bob Jagusch, Director of Engineering and Policy Analysis

Comments from youth

Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center, Science Museum of Minnesota – Shiranthi Goonathilaka,
Youth Representative

Update on Legislative Energy Commission activities

Legislative Energy Commission – Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director

Handouts were given to Commission members:

“[Executive Director Update](#)”

“[Minnesota’s Energy Future Framework](#)”

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.