



## Legislative Energy Commission

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### Executive Director Updates

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#### **Propane Conversion Strategies Inquiry**

The 2014 omnibus energy bill (H.F. 2834) requests the LEC “investigate the feasibility of converting propane gas users to natural gas or other alternative sources of energy.” Any recommendations will be prepared by staff for the Legislature by January 15, 2015 as requested.

Staff has been conducting research and outreach on a number of potential alternatives. Conference calls have been held on August 6 and November 21 for legislators, industry stakeholders, and others to receive an update and provide input on the direction of research. Stakeholders and others with suggestions and input are encouraged to contact Annie Levenson-Falk at the email or phone number listed below.

#### **Energy Future Framework**

M.S. 3.8852 directs the LEC to develop a framework for Minnesota to transition to a clean energy economy.

- A Dept. of Commerce proposal was selected by the US Dept. of Energy for funding, and Commerce is now finalizing the contract with DOE. If/when finalized, Commerce will work with the LEC, Minnesota stakeholders, Energy Systems Consulting and Rocky Mountain Institute on energy planning for 2020 and 2025.
- The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources has recommended \$1 million in funding to support in-depth technical analysis and modeling. The 2015 Legislature must act to finalize this recommendation.
- The LEC has applied to the McKnight Foundation for communications and outreach support.

Should these proposals be approved, the LEC plans to issue RFPs for data collection and analysis, stakeholder engagement, public engagement, and/or communications support in 2015.

#### **Upcoming LEC meetings**

No meetings are currently scheduled.

***For more information or to provide input on any of the above, contact  
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