

Legislative Energy Commission

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Executive Director Updates

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LEC membership

Representative Jeanne Poppe has been appointed to the LEC, in the seat of the late Representative David Dill.

Member research visits

Senators Dibble, Marty, Osmek, and Rosen attended the ACEEE Conference on Energy Efficiency as a Resource in Little Rock, Arkansas Sept. 20-22. At the conference, members could learn about opportunities for energy efficiency to make Minnesota's energy cleaner and less expensive, and as potential options to comply with federal regulations.

The LEC will visit the San Francisco area Sept. 30 to Oct. 2 to learn about developing energy technologies and how new resources are being integrated into energy systems. The itinerary, arranged by LEC staff, includes visits with Tesla Motors, Google, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, the CA Public Utilities Commission, the CA Manufacturers and Technology Association, and PG&E. Senators Dibble, Marty, Osmek, and Rosen and Reps. Garofalo, and Swedzinski will participate.

Minnesota's 2025 Energy Action Plan

With support from a U.S. DOE grant, the Dept. of Commerce is partnering with the LEC to develop action plans to scale up high-potential energy technologies and strategies over the next 10 years. We are working with Minnesota businesses, energy companies, and other stakeholders as well as the Great Plains Institute, LHB Inc., and Rocky Mountain Institute. The LEC is contributing cost match to the project in the form of staff time. Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings were held July 30, Sept. 22). In October, public meetings will be held in cooperation with the Clean Energy Resource Teams in Mankato (Oct. 14), Staples (Oct. 20), St. Paul (Oct. 22), and Grand Rapids (Oct. 29). More information can be found at http://www.lec.leg.mn/projects/2025.html.

Public Utilities Commission grid modernization meetings

The PUC will hold meetings on the topic of grid modernization on September 25, October 30, and November 20. Legislators are invited to participate. The LEC executive director will also be participating and will report back.

Upcoming LEC meetings

Date	Time	Topic	Location
October 19	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Fracking	Room 10 State Office Building
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November 18	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Energy storage	Room 10 State Office Building
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December 14	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.		Room 10 State Office Building
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