

LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2015

Members Present:

Senator John Marty, Co-chair
Representative Pat Garofalo, Co-chair
Senator Scott Dibble
Senator Kari Dziedzic
Senator David Osmek
Senator Julie Rosen
Senator David Senjem
Representative Paul Anderson
Representative Tom Hackbarth
Representative Melissa Hortman
Representative John Petersburg
Representative Chris Swedzinski
Representative Jean Wagenius

Members Excused:

Senator David Brown
Senator James Metzen
Senator Dan Sparks
Senator David Tomassoni
Representative Tim Mahoney
Representative Joyce Peppin
Representative Jeanne Poppe

Senator Katie Sieben was also in attendance.

Senator Marty called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 3:15pm on Thursday, September 24, 2015, in room 10 of the State Office Building.

Representative Garofalo moved adoption of the minutes from the July 29, 2015, meeting, with an oral amendment to reflect that Representative Garofalo chaired the meeting.

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

Presenting before the committee:

Executive Director Update

Legislative Energy Commission – Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director

A Handout was given to Commission members:

“Executive Director Updates: September 24, 2015”

EPA Clean Power Plan – Briefing on the final Clean Power Rule

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – David Thornton, Assistant Commissioner, and Frank Kohlasch, Manager, Air Assessment Section, Environmental Analysis & Outcomes Division.

A Handout was given to Commission members:

“EPA’s Final Clean Power Plan Rule: 111(d) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards of Performance for Existing Fossil Fuel Electric Generating Units.”

EPA Clean Power Plan - Comments

Xcel Energy – Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs.

Great River Energy – Eric Olsen, Vice President and General Counsel.

Minnesota Power – Julie Pierce, Director of Power Supply.

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association – Bill Black, Government Relations Director.

A Handout was given to Commission members:

“Clean Power Plan 111(d) Final Rule: Impact on Municipal Utilities”

Otter Tail Power – Loren Laugtug, Legislative Affairs Manager.

Fresh Energy – J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director.

Two Handouts were given to Commission members:

“Clean Power Plan: Growing Jobs, Accelerating Progress”

“Minnesota: A Clean Power State. Clean Power Plan: Growing Jobs, Accelerating Progress”

EPA Clean Power Plan – Role of Tracking Systems

Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking Systems – Dan King, Program Manager.

Three Handouts were given to Commission members:

“The Role of Tracking Systems in the Clean Power Plan”

“FAQS: Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System”

“How M-RETS Can Support State Compliance with the Clean Power Plan”

EPA Clean Power Plan – Additional Written Comments and Handouts

Bloomberg New Energy Finance

“State Energy Factsheet: Minnesota. September 2015”

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“Business Support for EPA Clean Power Plan”

“Re: Support for State Implementation of Carbon Pollution Standards” (July 31, 2015, letter to Governor Mark Dayton)

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy
“Minnesota Has the Tools to Meet EPA Power Plant Standards”

Union of Concerned Scientists
“Existing Clean Energy Commitments Put Minnesota on Track to Meet or Exceed Clean Power Plan 2022 and 2030 Targets”

VerdeNero
September 24, 2015, Letter to Governor Dayton, Chair Garofalo, Chair Marty, and Members of the [Legislative Energy] Commission

Blattner Energy
September 24, 2015, Letter to Governor Dayton, Chair Garofalo, Chair Marty, and Members [of the] Legislative Energy Commission

2025 Energy Action Plan Project

Legislative Energy Commission, Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director.

2100 Advisors – Justin Kaster, Founder.

Two Handouts were given to Commission members:
“Minnesota’s 2025 Energy Action Plan”
2025 Energy Action Plan Project: Stakeholder Advisory Committee, September 24, 2015”

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.