

LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2015

Members Present:

Senator John Marty, Co-chair
Representative Pat Garofalo, Co-chair
Senator Scott Dibble
Senator Kari Dziedzic
Senator David Osmek
Representative Paul Anderson
Representative Chris Swedzinski
Representative Jean Wagenius

Members Excused:

Senator David Brown
Senator James Metzen
Senator Julie Rosen
Senator David Senjem
Senator Dan Sparks
Senator David Tomassoni
Representative Tom Hackbarth
Representative Melissa Hortman
Representative Tim Mahoney
Representative Joyce Peppin
Representative John Petersburg
Representative Jeanne Poppe

Senator Katie Sieben was also in attendance.

Representative Garofalo called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 3:15pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, in room 10 of the State Office Building.

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: October 28, 2015”

California Trip Update

Legislative Energy Commission – Senator Osmek, Senator Marty, Representative Swedzinski, Senator Dibble, Representative Garofalo

A Handout was given to Commission members:
“Report: Research Visit: San Francisco Bay Area”

Fracking 101

A video was shown:
“What is Fracking?” – National Geographic,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qKadxYMOYY>

Minnesota Department of Transportation (retired) – David Christianson

A Handout was given to Commission members:
“The Petroleum Industry: Overview of Current Events. Issues and Updates – Drilling and Fracking, Energy use, and Minnesota impacts”

Environmental impacts of fracking

University of Minnesota, Department of Earth Sciences – Max Bezada, Assistant Professor

A Handout was given to Commission members:
“Environmental Impacts of ‘fracking’”

Fuel transport from North Dakota’s oil boom

Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations
– Peter Dahlberg, Freight Rail Planner

A Handout was given to Commission members:
“Crude by Rail Overview”

Minnesota Department of Commerce – Bill Grant, Deputy Commissioner of Energy and Telecommunications

A Handout was given to Commission members:
“Fuel Transport from North Dakota and Canada: Pipelines”

Economic Impacts of North Dakota’s oil boom on Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development – Neal Young, Economic Analysis Director

A Handout was given to Commission members:
“The Effects of North Dakota Oil Production on the Minnesota Economy”

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.