



Legislative Energy Commission

Monday, November 13, 2023

1:30 PM

State Capitol, Room 120 and via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Sen. Frentz, Co-Chair
Sen. Dibble
Sen. Green
Sen. Marty
Sen. Mathews
Sen. Mitchell
Sen. Pratt
Sen. Rarick
Sen. Xiong

Rep. Acomb, Co-Chair
Rep. Garofalo
Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger
Rep. Hornstein
Rep. Hudson
Rep. Igo
Rep. Kraft
Rep. Rarick
Rep. Stephenson

Co-Chair Frentz called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission (LEC) to order at 1:32 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Stephenson moved to approve the September 22, 2023, minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Approval of Rules

Co-Chair Acomb moved to approve the rules proposed September 22, 2023, with the amendment of 60 days between gavel rotations instead of 30. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testimony was taken from:

Hydrogen and the Possibilities for Hydrogen in MN

- Dr. Eric Gimon, Senior Fellow at Energy Innovation gave a presentation on hydrogen possibilities in Minnesota.
- Xcel Energy's Mike Jensen, Director of Clean Fuels, and Kathryn Valdez, AVP for Corporate Planning and Carbon-Free Technology Strategy, gave a presentation on Xcel Energy's work in expanding the use of hydrogen.

Community Solar Gardens:

- Public Utilities Commission
 - Michelle Rosier, Manager of the Regulatory Affairs Division of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission gave a presentation on Community Solar Gardens.
 - The Department of Commerce's Michelle Gransee, Deputy Commissioner, and Louise Miltich, Assistant Commissioner, gave a presentation on the Department's work in CSGs.
 - Xcel Energy's Nick Paluck, Manager of Regulatory Analysis testified on its opinion of CSGs.
- Kevin Pranis from LIUNA MN & ND testified on their opinion of CSGs.
- Dr. Gabriel Chan of University of Minnesota testified on his opinion of CSG pricing.

Public Testimony:

- John Farrell from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance testified on CSGs.
- Timothy DenHerder-Thomas, General Manager of Cooperative Energy Futures, testified on CSGs.
- Sachi Graber, a member of the public, testified on CSGs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM.