

JOBS, ENERGY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY

Wednesday, March 16, 2005  
Room G-15 Capitol  
3:00 PM

PRESENT

Gary Kubly  
Scott Dibble  
Chris Gerlach  
Steve Kelley  
James Metzen  
Mark Ourada  
Julie Rosen  
Tom Saxhaug  
David Senjem  
Dan Sparks  
Ellen Anderson

ABSENT

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Senator Kubly at 3:10 p.m.

Sen. Rosen presented SF 775. Sen. Metzen moved that the bill be recommended to pass and referred to the Jobs, Energy and Community Development Committee. The motion passed on a voice vote.

At 3:20 p.m. Sen. Anderson assumed the chair.

Sen. Kubly presented SF 1465. Carl Strickler, Chief Operating Officer, FibroMinn LLC, 301 Oxford Valley Road, Suite 704A, Yardley, PA 19067 testified in support of the bill and handout A.

At 3:25 p.m. Sen. Ourada assumed the chair.

At 3:30 p.m. Sen. Anderson assumed the chair.

Sen. Kubly moved that SF 1465 be recommended to pass and referred to the Jobs, Energy and Community Development Committee. The motion passed on a voice vote.

At 3:32 p.m. Sen. Kubly assumed the chair.

SF 1443 was presented by Dan Juhl, President, DanMar Associates, 996 190<sup>th</sup> Ave, Woodstock, MN 56186 and George Crocker, Executive Director, North American Water Office, PO Box 174, Lake Elmo, MN 55042.

Sen. Anderson moved the A-2 amendment. Sen. Rosen moved to orally amend the A-2, page 1, line 21 after school district, insert "public or private higher education institution". Both motions passed on a voice vote.

Handouts B and C were passed out.

SF 1460 was presented.

The following people testified on the bill:

Dan Juhl, President, DanMar Associates, 996 190<sup>th</sup> Ave, Woodstock, MN 56186  
George Crocker, Executive Director, North American Water Office, PO Box 174, Lake Elmo, MN 55042

John Kes, Vice President, Bremer Bank, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 2000, St. Paul, MN 55101. Mr. Kes presented handout D.

Gary Stoks, President, SMI & Hydraulics Inc., 401 Lone Tree Street, Porter, MN 56280

David Skilbred, Independent Community Bankers Of Minnesota, 2600 Eagan Woods Dr Ste 200, Saint Paul, MN 55121

Dan Moore, CEO, Windfinity, LLC, 845 310th Avenue, Blue Earth, MN 56013

Mark Willers, MinWind, Luverne, MN

Peter McLaughlin, Commissioner, Hennepin County

Dell Erickson, Minneapolis, MN

SF 1368 was presented by Edward Garvey, Deputy Commissioners of Commerce for Energy and Telecommunications. Sen. Anderson offered an oral amendment, page 2, line 5 after school district, insert "public or private higher education institution". The motion passed on a voice vote.

Handout E was passed out.

SF 1332 was presented by Will Kaul, Vice President for Transmission, Great River Energy, 17845 East Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330.

SF 1502 was presented by Beth Soholt, Executive Director, Wind on the Wires, 1619 Dayton Ave, Suite 203, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104.

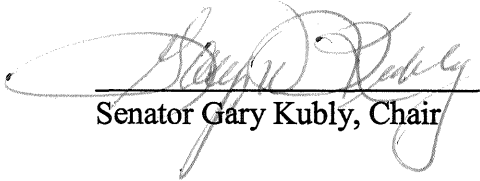
Annette Henkel, Minnesota Utility Investors, 405 Sibley St., Suite 227, St. Paul, MN 55101 testified in support of the cost recovery provisions in SF 1332.

Jeanne Cochran, Assistant Attorney General, Residential Utilities Division testified in opposition to Section 2 of SF 1332.

John and Laura Reinhardt, 3552 26th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406-2542 testified in opposition to SF 1332, SF 1368, and SF 1502. They referenced handouts F and G.

Sen. Dibble moved that SF 1443, SF1460, SF 1368, SF 1332 and SF 1502 be laid on the table. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Kubly adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Gary Kubly, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristina Handt, Sub. Sec.

**JOBS, ENERGY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005  
ROOM G-15 CAPITOL  
3:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**S.F. 775-Rosen: Sales tax exemption for biomass fuel burning stoves**

**S.F. 1465-Kubly: Poultry litter biomass electric generation facilities property and sales tax exemptions extension**

- Carl Strickler, Chief Operating Officer, FibroMinn LLC

**S.F. 1443-Anderson: Community based wind energy development tariff**

**S.F. 1460-Anderson: Community based energy generation projects**

- Dan Juhl, President, DanMar Associates
- George Crocker, North American Water Office
- Gary Stoks, SMI & Hydraulics, Porter, MN
- Jack Keers, Pipestone County Commissioner, Chairman of the Rural Energy Task Force
- Mark Willers, Minwind, Luverne, MN
- John Kes, Vice President, Bremer Bank

**AGENDA**

**S.F. 1368-Anderson: Public utilities community based energy development tariffs adoption and renewable energy resources and objectives provisions modifications**

- Edward Garvey, Deputy Commissioner of Commerce for Energy and Telecommunications

**S.F. 775-Rosen: Sales tax exemption for biomass fuel burning stoves**

- John Reinhardt, Minneapolis, MN

**S.F. 1465-Kubly: Poultry litter biomass electric generation facilities property and sales tax exemptions extension**

**S.F. 1332-Anderson: Electricity transmission costs automatic recovery; high voltage transmission lines certification and routing processes modifications**

- Will Kaul, Vice President for Transmission, Great River Energy
- Jeanne Cochran, Assistant Attorney General, Residential Utilities Division
- John Reinhardt, Minneapolis, MN
- Annette Henkel, Minnesota Utility Investors
- Gary Stoks, SMI & Hydraulics, Porter, MN

**S.F. 1502-Anderson: Electric utilities wind energy integration provisions modifications**

- Beth Sohlt, Wind on the Wires
- Mark Willers, Minwind, Luverne, MN
- John Kes, Vice President, Bremer Bank

**S.F. 1368-Anderson: Public utilities community based energy development tariffs adoption and renewable energy resources and objectives provisions modifications**

- Edward Garvey, Deputy Commissioner of Commerce for Energy and Telecommunications

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Subcommittee on Energy

Date: 03/16/2005 Day: Wednesday

Start Time: 3:10

### Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 775
Author	Senator Rosen
Short Descriptor	Sales Tax Exemption for biomass fuel burning stoves
Action(s)	Sen. Metzner moves that the bill be passed and sent to the full committee passed
Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 1465
Author	Senator Kubby
Short Descriptor	Poultry litter biomass electric generation facilities property and sales tax exemptions extension
Action(s)	Senator Kubby makes the motion to move the bill to Full Tax Committee passed
Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 1443
Author	Senator Anderson
Short Descriptor	Community Based wind energy development tariff
Action(s)	Anderson offers the #2 Amendment amendment adopted Rosen offers a verbal amendment to the #2 - passed
Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 1460
Author	Senator Anderson
Short Descriptor	Community energy generation projects
Action(s)	no motion