

Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee
1/18/2023
12:30pm

Minutes

Present: Chair Frentz, Vice Chair Xiong, Senator Dibble, Senator Gruenhagen, Senator Klein, Senator Rarick, Senator Mathews, Senator Lucero, Senator Mitchell, Senator Green, Senator Weber, Senator Hoffman

Absent: Senator McEwen, Senator Port

Senator Nick Frentz called the meeting to order 12:37 pm

1. Overview of Minnesota's Energy Mix, Transmission, and IIJA/IRA from the Minnesota Department of Commerce

- **Michelle Gransee, Deputy Commissioner for Energy Resources**
- **Jessica Burdette, Director of Energy Regulation and Planning**
- **Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs**

2. Energy and Transmission in Minnesota

- **Jon Brekke – Vice President and Chief Power Supply Officer, Great River Energy**
- **Matt Ellis, Manager of Transmission Strategy and Development, Great River Energy**
- **Chris Studer, East River Cooperative**
- **Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel, MMUA**
- **Dave Geschwind, Executive Director and CEO, Southern Minnesota, Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA)**
- **Deb Birgen, Vice-President of Government Relations, Missouri River Energy Services (MRES)**
- **Brad Steber, Director of Regional Operations Gas, & Jamie Fitzke, Director of Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy**
- **Al Rudeck Jr., Safety and External Affairs Operator, ALLETE**
- **Rick Evans, Director, Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy**
- **Dave Wager, Executive Director of the Minnesota Propane Association**
- **Rev. Andrew Davis, St. Peter**
- **Dr Kimberly Wilburn, Minnetonka City Council**
- **Lola Brown, Macalester College Student**

Adjourn @ 2:24pm