



Minnesota Senate

Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

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

Testifiers:

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

3. Energy and Transmission in Minnesota

Testifiers:

- Jon Brekke - Vice President and Chief Power Supply Officer, Great River Energy (GRE)
- 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
- Roger Warhime, General Manager, Owatonna Public Utilities
- 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 Officer, ALLETE
- Rick Evans, Director, Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy
- Dave Wager, Executive Director of the Minnesota Propane Association
- Rev. Andrew Davis, St. Peter
- Kimberly Wilburn, Minnetonka City Council
- Lola Brown, Macalester College Student

4. Adjournment