



# Minnesota Senate

## Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee

Monday, January 23rd, 2023

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1150 Minnesota Senate Building

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Testimony on SF 4 (Electric utility renewable energy standard obligations modifications)

### **Testifiers:**

- Commissioner Grace Arnold, Department of Commerce
- Adam Duinick, Director of Government Affairs, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
- Jon Brekke, VP and Chief Power Supply Officer, Great River Energy
- Yvonne Mongare, Climate Generation's YEA! Program
- Kevin Pranis, LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota
- Deb Birgen, Missouri River Energy Services
- Michael Noble, Fresh Energy
- Brian Cook, Director, Energy and Elections Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Tom Dicklich, Executive Director, Minnesota Building & Construction Trades Council
- Isaac Orr, Policy Fellow, Center of the American Experiment
- Will Steger, Polar Explorer
- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota
- Julie Pierce, VP of Strategy and Planning for MN Power
- Bria Shea, VP of Regulatory Policy, Xcel Energy
- Aurora Vautrin, Political Director, 100% Campaign
- Madelyn Smerillo, Senior Policy Associate, Clean Grid Alliance
- Spencer Polk, Minneapolis resident
- Joe Hoppe, Otter Tail Power
- Bree Halverson, BlueGreen Alliance
- Gregg Mast, Clean Energy Economy MN
- Sarah Mooradian, Government Relations and Policy Director, CURE (Clean Up the River Environment)
- Ellen Anderson, Climate Program Director, MCEA
- Justin Jahnz, CEO, East Central Electric
- Mike Manzel, Co-Founder, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
- Rev. Christian Briones, Mayflower UCC
- Makayla Freeman, Youth Program and Outreach Assistant, Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light.
- David May, Retired, Electric Utility Employee
- Dawn Wheeler, MD
- Eric Meyer and Philip Hult, Generation Atomic
- Peter Wagenius, Legislative & Political Director, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- Daniel Del Toro, Future Builders Co-op

### **Remote Testifiers:**

- Stacey Dahl, Senior Manager External Affairs, Minnkota Power Cooperative
- Joyce Peppin, Dairyland Power Cooperative General Counsel
- Miranda Gohn, citizen, Meeker County
- Matt Rohn, Northfield Climate Leader
- Tahm Loyd, Thomas Jefferson High School Student
- Tyler Hamman, Basin Electric

3. Adjournment

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