



Minnesota Senate
Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate
Committee
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
1150 Minnesota Senate Building

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order

2. S.F. 4784 – Sen. Frentz - Minnesota Energy Infrastructure Permitting Act establishment, certificates of need provisions modifications, and conforming and technical changes.

Testifiers:

- Dan Lipschultz, Lipschutz Consulting LLC
- Christy Brusven, Attorney at Law, Fredrikson & Byron
- Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission
- Pete Wykof, Department of Commerce
- Jenny Glumack, Director of Government Affairs, MREA
- Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LIUNA MN & ND
- Dan Leshner, Manager, Transmission Permitting and Land Rights, Great River Energy
- Joel Johnson, IBEW State Council Legislative Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Allen Gleckner, Executive Lead, Policy and Programs, Fresh Energy
- Matthew Langen, Executive Lead, Policy and Programs, Xcel Energy
- Jennifer Cady, Vice President for Regulatory and Legislative Affairs ALLETE/MN Power
- Jake Schwitzer, Executive Director, North Star Policy Action
- Aurora Vautrin, Legislative and Political Director, 100%
- Adam Sokolski, Director, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, EDF Renewables
- George Damian, Director of Government Affairs, Clean Energy Economy MN
- Kayla Christensen, Executive Director, Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum
- Sarah Mooradian, Government Relations & Policy Director, CURE
- Jaci Christenson, Hugo resident

Remote Testifiers:

- Gene Metz, Nobles County Commissioner & Legislative Chair of the Rural Minnesota Energy Board

3. S.F. 4579 – Sen. Dibble - Single-metered utility service in residential buildings regulations and provisions.

4. S.F. 4794 – Sen. Dibble - Renewable Energy Certificate Tracking System appropriation.

Testifiers:

- Benjamin L. Gerber, President & CEO, Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System
- Teri Bylander-Pinke, Chief Operating Officer, Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System
- Sean Darling, Scrum Master, Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System
- Priya Barua, Senior Director, Market and Policy Innovation, Clean Energy Buyers Association

5. S.F. 1457 – Sen. Mathews - Natural gas and propane hookups ban by political subdivisions prohibition.

Testifiers:

- Dave Wager, Executive Director, Minnesota Propane Association

Remote Testifiers:

- Karen L. Arpino, Executive Director of the North Central Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association

6. S.F. 1458 – Sen. Mathews - Local ban on new natural gas hookups prohibition in residential construction.

Testifiers:

- Mark Foster, Vice President, Legislative and Political Affairs, Housing First Minnesota

Remote Testifiers:

- Karen L. Arpino, Executive Director of the North Central Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association