



Minnesota Senate  
Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate  
Committee  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
1150 Minnesota Senate Building

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

***Chair***

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

**3. S.F. 4742 – Sen. McEwen - Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program establishment**

**4. S.F. 4562 – Sen. Rarick - Fuel-switching improvement achievement provisions modifications**

**Testifiers:**

- Chris Duffrin, President, Center for Energy and Environment
- Louise Miltich, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Commerce
- Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel, Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
- Katie Frye, Customer Programs and Services, Minnesota Power.
- Dave Wager, Executive Director, Minnesota Propane Association
- Joe Dammel, Managing Director, Buildings, Fresh Energy
- Jeff Haase, Director, Member Services, Distributed Energy Resources and End Use Strategy for Great River Energy

**5. S.F. 4687 – Sen. McEwen - Utility thermal network deployment work group establishment**

**Testifiers:**

- Charles Sutton, Sutton Consulting LLC

**6. S.F. 4740 – Sen. Klein - Dakota County energy efficient projects appropriation**

**Testifiers:**

- Joe Atkins, Dakota County Commissioner

**7. S.F. 4760 – Sen. Mitchell - Pilot thermal energy network projects authorization**

**Testifiers:**

- Aurora Vautrin, 100%
- Chuck Syverson, ISAIAH
- Amy Gilbert, MD, MPH, associated with St. Paul 350
- Jamie Fitzke, Director of Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy
- Noah Cordoba, Senior Policy Associate, Building Decarbonization Coalition

**8. Adjournment**

