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RE: SF 4942

Senator Nick Frentz, Chair
Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate
St. Paul, MN

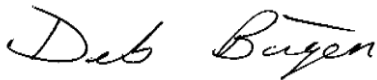
Dear Senator Frentz:

On behalf of Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) and our 25 municipal electric utility members in Minnesota, we offer support for SF 4942.

The passage of the 55 percent renewable energy mandate and 100 percent carbon-free mandate of 2023 will be a huge lift for utilities, businesses, and rate-payers. As we have already seen, it will require a large build-out of transmission, competing for necessary in bottled-up supply chains, and large financial investments. MRES believes that SF 4942 supports utilities and rate-payers by updating the Energy Optimization and Conservation Act, as well as updating the Property-Assessed Clean Energy loan program. The bill also focuses on incentives to support the work of utilities, as well as finding ways to move new nuclear technology forward.

Therefore, MRES would like to thank Chair Frentz for allowing us to comment, and we urge support for this bill.

Sincerely,



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