

Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee
1.29.2025
12:30pm

Minutes

Present: Mathews, Green, Lucero, Gruenhagen, Frentz, Drazkowski, Rarick, Xiong, Dibble, Klein, Port, McEwen, Hoffman, Weber

Absent:

Senator Andrew Mathews called the meeting to order 12:36 pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. S.F. 0426 – Eichorn Hydroelectric capacity that qualifies as an eligible energy technology under the renewable energy standard modification provision

- Deb Birgen, Missouri River Energy Services
- Zach Martin, ALLETE / Minnesota Power
- Rachel Stuckey, Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum

Recess @ 1:26pm

Reconvene @ 1:36pm

Bill is LAID OVER FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION

Gavel is passed to Vice Chair Green

3. S.F. 0350 – Mathews Certificate of need issuance for a new nuclear power plant prohibition abolishment

Mathews offers the **A4 author's amendment**

Passes via voice vote

Testimony on both SF350 + SF468 together

- Jenny Glumack, Minnesota Rural Electric Association-Nuclear Alliance
- Tom Dicklich, Minnesota State Building & Construction Trades Council
- Eric Meyer, Generation Atomic
- Aaron Klemz, MCEA
- Lindsay Potter, Nukewatch (Zoom)
- Leanna Goose, Rise and Repair Alliance (Zoom)
- George Crocker, North American Water Office
- Rick Evans, Xcel Energy
- Blake Johnson, Prairie Island Indian Community
- Rachel Stuckey, Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum
- Philip Adam
- Margaret Levin, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- Veda Kanitz
- Charles Sutton, Operating Engineers Union and the Carpenters Union

-Michelle Benson, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Bill is Laid over for possible inclusion

4. S.F. 0468 – Mathews Certificates of need authorization for certain small modular reactors

Mathews offers the **A4 author's amendment**

Passes via voice vote

Green moves for SF468 as amended to be recommended to pass

Motion fails on a 7-7 roll call

Adjourn @ 2:41pm

Andrew Mathews

Travis Orness