

Energy Finance & Policy Committee Meeting
Chair: Rep. Patty Acomb & **Co-Chair:** Rep. Chris Swedzinski
Vice-Chair: Rep. Larry Kraft & **Co-Vice-Chair:** Rep. Tom Murphy

April 1, 2025
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol – Room 123

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Minutes from March 27, 2025
- III. HF2928 (Acomb) - Preapplication filings for large water appropriation projects required, permit application information for large water appropriation projects added, level of environmental review for data centers specified, data centers exempted from making financial contributions to an energy conservation and optimization plan, and other data center provisions modified.

Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board
Sydnie Lieb, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Commerce
Katie Smith, Director, Ecological and Waters Resources Divisions, Minnesota DNR
Chis Duffrin, President, Center for Energy and Environment
Zac Ruzycski, Director of Resource Planning, Great River Energy
Ryan Hentges, President and CEO, Dakota Electric Association
Michelle Benson, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Dan Diorio, Senior Director, State Policy Director, Data Center Coalition
Cathy Johnson
Sarah Mooradian, Policy Director, CURE
Zach Martin, Government Affairs Manager, ALLETE
Aaron Klemz, Chief Strategy Officer, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
Peter Wagenius, Sierra Club
Sara Wolff, Policy Director, Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light
George Shardlow, Executive Director, Energy CENTS Coalition

- IV. HF2912 (Her) - Macalester College geothermal energy system funding provided, and money appropriated.
- V. RC 25-04891 (Kraft) - Virtual power plants

Kevin Brehm, Rocky Mountain Institute
Patty O'Keefe, Regional Director, Vote Solar
James Pearson, Xcel Energy
David Moberg Policy & Regulatory Affairs Associate, MnSEIA
Joe Hoppe, Manager of Legislative Affairs, Otter Tail Power Company
Shannon Anderson, Solar United Neighbors (virtual)
Michael Overend, Two Harbors (virtual)

- VI. HF2297 (Myers) - Special license plate established for solar pollinator programs, and agrivoltaic solar sites made eligible for solar site management practices.

Sarah Whebbe, Senior Policy & Regulatory Affairs Associate, MnSEIA

Lindsay J. Brice, Policy Director, Audubon Upper Mississippi River

Colleen Hollinger, Director, Business & Industry Development, Natural Resource Services (Virtual)

- VII. Adjournment