

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on March 4th, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

Long, Jamie, Chair  
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair  
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead  
Bierman, Robert  
Boe, Greg  
Christensen, Shelly  
Franson, Mary  
Gruenhagen, Glenn  
Hollins, Athena  
Hornstein, Frank  
Igo, Spencer  
Lee, Fue  
Lippert, Todd  
Lislegard, Dave  
Mekeland, Shane  
Munson, Jeremy  
Stephenson, Zack

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Acomb moved that the minutes of February 18th, 2021, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research, Revisor, or Counsel code.

Representative Bierman presented House Research BE055, A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing a task force to analyze options for increasing the provision of weatherization services to low-income households; appropriating money.

Testifying on House Research BE055:

- Bill Grant, Minnesota Community Action Partnership

- Laura Milbrandt, Prairie Five Community Action

Representative Lippert presented House Research BE058, A bill for an act relating to siting solar generating systems; modifying siting prohibitions with respect to prime farmland; requiring rulemaking.

Testifying on House Research BE058:

- Adam Sokolski, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, EDF Renewables
- Peder Mewis, Regional Policy Manager, Clean Grid Alliance
- David Shaffer, Executive Director, MnSEIA

Public testimony on House Research BE058:

- Ralph Kaehler, Business Development, Novel Energy

Representative Stephenson presented House Research BE051, A bill for an act relating to energy; exempting certain wind and solar projects from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need; amending the definition of "solar energy generating system"; adding factors the commission must consider in approving sites and routes for electric generating plants; requiring the installation of lighting systems for certain wind turbines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 216B.243, subdivision 8; 216E.01, subdivision 9a; 216E.03, subdivision 7; 216E.04, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216F

Testifying on House Research BE051:

- Peder Mewis, Regional Policy Manager, Clean Grid Alliance
- Adam Sokolski, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, EDF Renewables
- Mike Bull, Director of Policy and External Affairs, Center for Energy and the Environment

Public testimony on House Research BE051:

- Stacey Fujii, Director of Governmental Affairs, Great River Energy
- Kevin Pranis, Campaign Director, LiUNA

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

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Representative Jamie Long, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant