



## Legislative Energy Commission

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### Executive Director Updates

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#### Propane Conversion Strategies Inquiry

The 2014 omnibus energy bill (H.F. 2834) requests the LEC “investigate the feasibility of converting propane gas users to natural gas or other alternative sources of energy.” Any recommendations will be prepared by staff for the Legislature by January 15, 2015 as requested. Staff has been conducting research and outreach on a number of potential alternatives. A conference call was held Aug. 6 to discuss the approach with legislators, industry stakeholders and interested members of the public; another will be held Nov. 21 for all who wish to participate. Stakeholders and others with input are encouraged to contact Annie Levenson-Falk at the email or phone number listed below.

#### Energy Future Framework

M.S. 3.8852 directs the LEC to develop a framework for Minnesota to transition to a clean energy economy.

- A Dept. of Commerce proposal was selected by the US Dept. of Energy for funding, and Commerce is now finalizing the contract with DOE. If/when finalized, Commerce will work with the LEC, Minnesota stakeholders, Energy Systems Consulting and Rocky Mountain Institute on energy planning for 2020 and 2025.
- The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources has recommended \$1 million in funding to support in-depth data analysis and modeling. The 2015 Legislature must act to finalize this recommendation.
- The LEC has applied to the McKnight Foundation for communications and outreach support.

Should these proposals be approved, the LEC plans to issue RFPs for data collection and analysis, stakeholder engagement, public engagement, and/or communications support in 2015.

#### National Governors Association Clean Energy and Economic Development Policy Academy

The LEC was a partner on Minnesota’s effort, and was especially engaged with the smart grid sector. The State worked with industry partners in the solar, wind, energy efficiency, bio, and smart grid sectors, and conducted an analysis of Minnesota’s clean energy businesses. More than 250 people participated in the July 17 Clean Energy Economy Summit. The Minnesota Clean Energy Economy Profile report was released in October.

#### Transatlantic Program for Young Technology Leaders: Smart Grid & Energy Storage

In September 2014, the LEC executive director participated in this delegation to Germany, along with nine other leading young energy professionals from around the United States. Delegates explored developing technologies and policy lessons from Germany’s energy transition.

#### Upcoming LEC meetings

Date	Description	Time	Topic	Location
Fri., Nov. 21	Conference call	12:00 – 1:00	Propane conversion strategies request from 2014 legislature. An update for interested legislators and members of the public.	Contact Annie Levenson-Falk for call-in details
Wed., Dec. 10	LEC meeting	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Propane supply and alternatives	Room 10 State Office Building, St. Paul

Further meeting information may be found at <http://www.lec.leg.mn/meetings.html>.

**For more information or to provide input on any of the above, contact Annie Levenson-Falk: [annie.levensonfalk@lec.leg.mn](mailto:annie.levensonfalk@lec.leg.mn), 651-297-7137.**