



Legislative Energy Commission

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Executive Director Updates

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Information and analysis for legislators

LEC staff is available as a resource to any legislators who would like background on energy policy, regular updates on energy news from Minnesota and around the world, and assistance with difficult energy policy questions. Interested members should contact staff (contact information below).

Propane Conversion Strategies Inquiry

The 2014 omnibus energy bill (H.F. 2834) requested the LEC "investigate the feasibility of converting propane gas users to natural gas or other alternative sources of energy." A report, including options for legislation action, has been completed and is available at <http://bit.ly/1Em8Fu>.

Energy Future Framework

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

- Dept. of Commerce has been selected for a \$300,000, two-year grant from the US Dept. of Energy. Commerce will work together with the LEC, Rocky Mountain Institute, Energy Systems Consulting (Matt Schuerger) to develop understandable business-as-usual energy projections, map energy-related initiatives across the state, and develop a roadmap of energy strategies for the year 2025. This could be integrated into the Energy Future Framework or stand alone as short- and medium-term energy planning.
- The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources has recommended \$1 million in funding to support in-depth technical analysis and modeling. The 2015 Legislature must act to finalize this recommendation. Should the proposal be approved, the LEC plans to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP).

The LEC has withdrawn a proposal to the McKnight Foundation for communications and outreach support, and can consider reapplying at another time.

Upcoming LEC meetings

No meetings are currently scheduled.

**For more information or to provide input on any of the above, contact
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