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## **ELECTRIC ENERGY TASK FORCE**

Work Group Meeting Summary  
Tuesday, September 14, 2004, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Room 15, State Capitol

### **PRESENT:**

John Lampe, Facilitator	Senator Jim Metzen
John Fuller, Senate Counsel	Senator Steve Dille
Bob Eleff, House Research	Senator Dan Sparks
Carl Lehmann, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee	Senator Ellen Anderson
Bill Grant, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee	Representative Bob Gunther
Dick Hemmingsen, Steering Committee Member	Representative Torrey Westrom
Paul White, Steering Committee Member	
Mrg Simon, Steering Committee Member	
Joan Harmon, Rep. Tom Hackbarth's office	
Faye Sparks, Senator Metzen's office	
Sandy Keene, Legislative Coordinating Commission	
Matt Grosser, Senate Research	

The informal Electric Energy Work Group meeting was called to order by John Lampe at 9:35 a.m. Mr. Lampe introduced legislators, staff and steering committee members. John Fuller summarized the agenda of the task force and the type of information needed to complete the report, which must be submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2005. Mr. Fuller stated that a review would be done of topics covered during the work group meetings and significant points would be forwarded to the task force and posted on the Internet. Feedback and comments could then be submitted to Sandy Keene with the Legislative Coordinating Commission. A draft report would be completed and circulated, with a possibility of having a public meeting. The task force has not been consulted regarding the possibility of holding a public meeting, but they may decide to do so.

A signup sheet was circulated during the meeting. The following is a list of presenters and people who asked questions at the September 14<sup>th</sup> work group meeting (the audio is available on the web site at: [www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/leetf/workgroupmtgarchive.htm](http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/leetf/workgroupmtgarchive.htm)):

### **Overview of Transmission Jurisdictional Issues**

John Lawhorn, Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)

#### **Questioners:**

John Fuller, Senate Counsel  
Senator Ellen Anderson, Minnesota Senate  
Bill Grant, Izaak Walton League and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee  
Bob Eleff, House Research  
George Crocker, Executive Director, North American Water Office  
Paul White, Midwest Project Director, EnXco  
John Rheinhardt, Citizen

### **Technical Transmission Issues in Minnesota**

Rick Gonzalez, Excel Engineering

#### **Questioners:**

Paul White, Midwest Project Director, EnXco  
Sheldon Strom, Center for Energy and Environment  
John Jaffray, Frauenshuh Power  
Dick Hemmingsen, University of Minnesota and Steering Committee Member

**Regional Transmission Expansion Planning – How Minnesota transmission issues fit into the MISO transmission planning process**

John Lawhorn, Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO)

Questioners:

John Fuller, Senate Counsel

Bob Olson, American Sustainable Energy Council, St. Stephen State Bank

Beth Soholt, Wind on the Wires

Dick Hemmingsen, University of Minnesota and Steering Committee Member

Bill Grant, Izaak Walton League and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee

**Minnesota Department of Commerce and Xcel Energy Wind Integration Study Results**

Ken Wolf, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Matt Schuerger, Energy Systems Consulting Services

Questioners:

Mrg Simon, Missouri River Energy and Steering Committee Member

Sheldon Strom, Center for Energy and Environment

Carl Lehmann, Xcel Energy and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee

Representative Torrey Westrom, Minnesota House of Representatives

Bob Eleff, House Research

Paul White, Midwest Project Director, EnXco

Bill Grant, Izaak Walton League and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee

John Dunlap, American Wind Energy Association

John Rheinhardt, Citizen

**Utility Perspective on Transmission Planning**

Will Kaul, Great River Energy

Questioners:

Sheldon Strom, Center for Energy and Environment

John Fuller, Senate Counsel

Bill Grant, Izaak Walton League and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee

Bob Olson, American Sustainable Energy Council, St. Stephen State Bank

Beth Soholt, Wind on the Wires

**Providing a Road to Market for Wind Development**

Michael Noble, Minnesotans for an Energy Efficient Economy

Questioners:

Representative Torrey Westrom, Minnesota House of Representatives

John Fuller, Senate Counsel

Carl Lehmann, Xcel Energy and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee

Bill Grant, Izaak Walton League and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee

John Jaffray, Frauenshuh Power

**Public Comments** – Bob Olson, American Sustainable Energy Council, St. Stephen State Bank

There being no further comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.