ELECTRIC ENERGY TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, June 9, 2005 10:00 a.m. in Room 318 State Capitol

PRESENT:

Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Co-ChairRep. Michael BeardRep. David DillRep. Dennis OzmentRep. Aaron PetersonRep. Jean WageniusRep. Torrey WestromSen. James Metzen, Co-ChairSen. Ellen AndersonSen. Gary KublySen. John MartySen. Mark OuradaSen. Linda Scheid

EXCUSED:

Rep. Irv Anderson Rep. Dean Simpson Rep. Duke Powell Sen. Steve Dille Sen. David Gaither Sen. Steve Murphy Sen. Pat Pariseau

Senator Metzen called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. A quorum was present.

Senator Marty moved approval of the minutes from the February 14, 2005, meeting. Seconded and APPROVED.

Senator Metzen explained the purpose of the meeting was to appoint participants to the stakeholder and landowner payment working groups as required in Laws 2005, Chapter 97 (Senate File 1368).

Mr. Fuller, Senate Counsel, read the list of proposed participants for the stakeholder working group. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that one participant, or possibly a couple, would be added to provide representation from local government on the working group.

Rep. Ozment moved approval of the list of participants for the stakeholder working group. Seconded and **APPROVED.**

Mr. Fuller read the list of proposed participants for the landowner payment working group. Rep. Westrom moved approval of the list of participants. Rep. Kubly offered an amendment to the motion to include the participant recommended on behalf of the real estate appraisers. Rep. Westrom accepted the friendly amendment.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose and responsibilities of the two working groups. Mr. Fuller read the charges of each group. The stakeholder working group is to recommend changes to the certification and routing processes for high voltage transmission lines. The landowner payments working group is to research alternative methods of remunerating landowners on whose land high voltage transmission lines have been constructed.

The vote was taken on the amended Westrom motion. Seconded and APPROVED.

There being no further business to discuss, Senator Metzen adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.