

Agenda

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure and Guidance Documents PUC structure Role of other agencies in PUC process Types of proceedings PUC meeting and hearing procedures Public involvement	<i>I. Bjorklund</i>
Energy Facilities Permitting by PUC PUC jurisdiction over generation, transmission, pipeline facilities Energy facilities outside PUC jurisdiction Application filing and review Permit types and processes Environmental review Case study	<i>H. Waller Pitts, C. Brusven</i>
Minnesota's Community Solar Program Statutory background and requirements Issues related to PUC regulation Local permitting and land use Subscription agreements Looking ahead	<i>H. Waller Pitts</i>
Emerging Technologies in Renewable Energy and Decarbonization Background, current status, and future potential for renewable natural gas, carbon capture, hydrogen, and battery storage Policy drivers for decarbonization of the energy sector Potential legal issues	<i>M. Cummings</i>

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- Explore** different types of proceedings before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC).
 - Examine** PUC jurisdiction over power generation and transmission facilities, as well as pipelines.
 - Identify** energy facilities outside PUC jurisdiction.
 - Get** up to speed on Minnesota's Community Solar Program.
 - Understand** the current status of, and future potential for, renewable natural gas, carbon capture, hydrogen and battery storage.



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Ms. Bjorklund is the Principal Attorney at Bjorklund Law, PLLC, which provides legal and consulting services to energy clients. Her clients include renewable energy developers, trade associations, nonprofits, utilities, and closely held businesses. With over 20 years of experience working with governmental agencies, Ms. Bjorklund works with clients to develop effective regulatory and legislative strategies on a wide variety of energy issues. Her experience includes serving in governmental roles at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Minnesota Department of Commerce, Midwest Reliability Organization, Minnesota Legislature, and the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings. Prior to starting her own firm, Ms. Bjorklund also served as an executive and associate general counsel for a renewable energy developer, represented energy clients at a Minneapolis law firm, and lobbied the Minnesota Legislature on energy policies. Ms. Bjorklund also served as a Contract Administrative Law Judge and Adjunct Professor of Energy Law at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. She currently serves as special counsel to Mendoza Law, LLC. Ms. Bjorklund previously led an initiative to advance private high-voltage transmission lines to carry renewable energy across a portion of the Upper Midwest in the late 2000s. Today, she helps clients achieve their goals before state public utility commissions, county commissions and city councils, Minnesota Legislature, and works them on a variety of energy transactions. Ms. Bjorklund earned her J.D. degree in 2005 from William Mitchell College of Law and served on the *William Mitchell Law Review*. She holds an M.A. degree in Environmental Resource Policy from The George Washington University and a B.A. degree in International Relations from St. Catherine University. Ms. Bjorklund served as chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Public Utilities Law Section and served on the Minnesota Second District Ethics Committee and the Board of Supervisors for the Ramsey Conservation District.

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Mr. Cummings advises clients on environmental and permitting matters related to the development, financing, purchase, and sale of renewable and traditional energy projects. His experience includes assisting clients with wind, utility- and community-scale solar, biomass, oil and gas production, oil and natural gas pipeline, and electric transmission line projects across the Upper Midwest. Mr. Cummings also advises commercial and industrial clients on environmental and regulatory matters. Prior to joining Fredrikson & Byron, Mr. Cummings worked at an environmental consulting firm focusing on environmental review and permitting for the development, construction, and operation of energy projects.

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