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**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 2, 2015**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology was scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 12:30 p.m., in The Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Adopt Minutes from August 26, 2015
- 3) Senate Bill 438 (Sen. Proos) - Energy; alternative sources; definition of renewable energy system; eliminate restriction on dams and pumped storage.

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen.(s) : Nofs, Proos, Horn, Schuitmaker, Hune, Shirkey, Zorn, Hopgood, Knezek and Bieda, a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Proos to adopt the August 26, 2015 committee minutes. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position on Senate Bill 438:

Art Theyer, Michigan Electric Cooperative Association – neutral  
Jim Weeks, Michigan Municipal Electric Association – support  
Rory Neuner, Michigan Air & Health Coalition – oppose  
Shaun Taft, Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm – support  
Jim Ault, Michigan Electric and Gas Association – support  
Mike Linsea, Solar Winds LLC – oppose  
Kathleen Slonager, Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America – oppose

Nick Occhipinti, West Michigan Environmental Action Council – oppose  
Colton Zych, West Michigan Environmental Action Council – oppose  
Trent Varva, Small Business Majority – oppose  
Paul Colegrove, Self – oppose  
John Wakeman, SUR Energy – oppose  
Debra Rowe, U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development – oppose  
Sam Gomberg, Union of Concerned Scientists – oppose  
Eleanor Hucker, self – oppose  
Robert Stegmier, self – oppose  
John McGarry, self – oppose

The Chairman read in testimony cards from the following individuals for Senate Bill 438:

Tony Daunt, Michigan Freedom Fund – oppose  
Craig Hucker, self – oppose  
Sarah Colegrove, self – oppose  
Shawn Taft, self – oppose  
John Freeman, Renewable Energy for Michigan – oppose

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology without objection at 3:38 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 9/10/2015