

## **Public Utilities Law Section Council Meeting Minutes**

August 30, 2011  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Public Utilities Law Section Council was called to order by Jim Johnson at approximately 3:40 p.m. on August 30, 2011. The meeting was held at the MSBA office in Minneapolis. In attendance were Jim Johnson, Linda Jensen, Valerie Means, Ingrid Bjorklund, Dan Lipschultz, Joan Peterson, Nate Endrud, Eric Swanson, and Tamara Patton. Absent were Lisa Crum, Bruce Gerhardson, Greg Merz, and Kari Valley.

### **Section Services Overview:**

Tamera Patton provided an overview of MSBA sections services, including a review of the handbook.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Tamera Patton reported that the Financial Activity Report available at the end of September will reflect dues paid during the renewal period. The May Financial Activity Report showed a balance of \$16,552.87.

### **2011 – 2012 Section Council Planning:**

#### **CLEs -**

Discussion of the September kick-off meeting and future CLEs included the following:

- Uncertain if PUC Commissioner Anderson and DOC Commission Rothman are available for the September 21<sup>st</sup> kick-off meeting. Lisa Crum is working on these commitments. The kick-off meeting will be moved to October if we cannot secure speakers.
- Bill Grant is a possible future speaker - Ingrid Bjorklund
- Future topics include:
  - Latest developments in wind power - Dan Lipschultz
  - Governor's broadband initiative; could co-host with communications section - Linda Jensen
  - MISO resource adequacy tariff (possibility in Oct.) - Jim Johnson
  - Air emissions developments for EPA/PCA/DOC regarding scope of authority – can hold CLE early in year as a preview or late in year after issue has moved forward - Eric Swanson
  - Dodd-Frank Act – regulation of energy derivatives - Nate Endrud
  - FTC – access reform - Dan Lipschultz
  - FERC Order 1000 (transmission planning and cost allocation) and its impact on MN – spring of 2012 - Ingrid Bjorklund / Jim Johnson
- Established CLE Committee membership: Lisa Crum, Ingrid Bjorklund, Linda Jensen, Dan Lipschultz, and Nate Endrud. Jim Johnson will attend.
- A half-day CLE was discussed and Tamara Patton pointed out that if the CLE is under 4 hours, the section will not have to obtain approval from the Minnesota CLE and the section can keep its fees.

**Bylaws -**

Jim Johnson reported that the proposed revisions to the section bylaws were pulled from consideration by the MSBA Assembly because the MSBA Governance Committee made a number of changes to the revisions during the summer and the PUL Section did not have an opportunity to vote on the changes. A Bylaws Committee was established: Valerie Means, Jim Johnson, and Ingrid Bjorklund.

**Other Planning Issues -**

Eric Swanson was named the Legislative Liaison.

Jim Johnson was named the MSBA Assembly representative.

The Council discussed doing a newsletter, but it is not likely at this time. As section newsletter would be formatted by MSBA staff, but written and edited by section members.

The Council discussed new lawyer outreach and the possibility of doing an energy law 101 with the new lawyers section.

**Other Business:**

The Council meeting schedule will be determined on a month-to-month basis.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.