

## **Minnesota's Energy Future**

### **A reliable, economically efficient, and environmentally and socially responsible energy system**

#### **Background:**

ACEC/MN members have experience in all facets of the energy sector, including resource planning, siting, permitting, engineering and design, and operational support for power generation, transmission, and consumption. Their expertise and experience are a formidable asset for the state as it looks to be a national leader in energy.

At no other time in recent history has the rate of change in the electric energy industry been greater. A rapidly changing energy mix, including Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and increased consumer engagement and choice are creating new technical challenges that our members are well positioned to support. Minnesota is in an enviable position regarding energy choice and availability. Engineers play a key role in leveraging this position to the economic and social benefit of this citizens of this state while ensuring environmental sustainability.

#### **ACEC/MN Postion:**

ACEC/MN supports a holistic approach that addresses our energy production needs and the effective and efficient utilization of energy resources.

- Effectively utilize current energy resources in an environmentally responsible manner while balancing the ability to reliably support our energy needs.
- Encourage the development of new and alternative energy resources that will address our future needs safely, reliably and cost effectively.
- Provide financial and other relevant incentives that encourage collaboration between both the producers and users of energy to establish Minnesota as a nationwide standard for energy excellence.

#### **Action Requested:**

Contact and educate your legislators on the value of a modern, reliable, environmentally and socially responsible and, economically efficient energy system. Encourage collaboration between producers and users of energy with the legislature and regulators to find a path that allows for the integration of current, new and alternative energy resources. Help your legislators understand the value engineers can bring to this collaboration, we are happy to take a seat at the table. Also, please let them know that our industry represents thousands of high paying jobs in this great state.