

FRESH ENERGY LOBBYING STAFF



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Ross's work focuses on active transportation, vehicle electrification, and lowering the barriers to rooftop solar PV. He formerly worked as an attorney specializing in intellectual property and sustainability law, and as a business-process consultant to Fortune 500 companies. Ross writes and speaks frequently on the economic, social, and legal aspects of energy and sustainability, and currently serves as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee to the City of Minneapolis. He holds a JD from the University of Chicago Law School and a BS in Chemical Engineering, cum laude, from Texas A&M University in College Station.

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Kate Ellis works on state and federal clean energy and energy efficiency issues. Kate has worked in a variety of capacities for the Minnesota Farmer's Union, Grassroots Solutions, Growth and Justice, Democratic GAIN, Paul Wellstone's 2002 Senate Campaign, and the Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group. Her work is inspired by the interconnection of energy and the economy; specifically, using energy solutions to spur economic development, especially in rural areas. Kate double majored in Political Science and Women's Studies at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and obtained a Master of Public Policy from the Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs with an emphasis on economic and community development.

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Ethan oversees Fresh Energy's work to advance transportation policy that reduces oil dependency and air pollution. He holds a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a B.A. in Geography, with a minor in Urban Studies from the University of Minnesota. Before joining Fresh Energy, he worked as a city planning consultant. He serves on the Transportation Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Council, the Intercity Passenger Rail Forum, and MnDOT's Complete Streets External Advisory Committee. Ethan is currently the president of the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition and a member of the Urban Land Institute, Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, and the American Planning Association.

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J.'s responsibilities include scientific analysis, policy development, and advocacy of solutions to global warming that will maximize economic opportunities for Minnesota. She has led much of Fresh Energy's climate and energy policy advancement work on the state and federal levels, and also has expertise on regulation of coal-fired plants and reducing pollution from fossil fuels. Each year, she gives more than 50 invited presentations on solutions at the scale of our energy problems. Her recent audiences around the country include Xcel Energy, Target, Medtronic, Boston Scientific, and Great River Energy. She was formerly an assistant professor at George Washington University and frequently testifies on energy topics at legislative and regulatory hearings. She serves on the board of directors of the U.S. Climate Action Network.

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ALISON LINDBURG, POLICY ASSOCIATE

Alison's work focuses on energy efficiency related to buildings and the built environment. She develops positions and strategies on policy matters, assists with Fresh Energy's legislative priorities, and develops documents to communicate policy and scientific information to policy makers and the public. She has been featured in publications and media outlets such as Minnesota Public Radio and national radio program Living the Green Life, and has written and co-authored numerous reports on green building standards, responsible materials, and opportunities in sustainability for Minnesotan communities. Alison is a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP BD+C), a member of Minnesota GreenStar Technical Advisory Committee, and a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the USGBC.

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MICHAEL NOBLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michael Noble has been the executive director of Fresh Energy since 1995. Michael concentrates on building constituencies and developing policies for a new energy system. He has nearly 30 years of professional expertise in energy, and has been a key strategist for major public policy innovations in energy, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy development, global warming solutions, and strategies to reduce reliance on foreign oil in Minnesota and the Midwestern region. Currently, he is the Chair of the Clean Energy Working Group and serves on the Steering Committee of RE-AMP. In addition, Michael serves on the board of directors of Conservation Minnesota Voter Center, Wind on the Wires, and the Will Steger Foundation.

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Erin works in Fresh Energy's clean energy and energy efficiency program with a focus on clean energy, energy efficiency, and coal retirement policy in regional transmission planning and wholesale electricity markets. In addition, Erin coordinates renewable energy advocacy efforts of about 100 advocates in eight upper Midwest states through RE-AMP, a network of over 150 nonprofits and foundations from the Dakotas to Ohio aligned to reduce economy-wide global warming pollution 80 percent by 2050. Erin's work at Fresh Energy began in 2002 with a focus on reducing the social and environmental consequences of large scale hydropower imports from Manitoba into Minnesota. She graduated from Hamline University, studying Political Science and Environmental Studies. There, she began her policy career by serving as chair of the MPIRG state board of directors and a member of its executive board for three years. She is a member of the Women of Wind Energy.

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