

MINUTES
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
Thursday, August 6, 2026
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Mark Johnson, Co-Chair, Matt McKee, Vice-Chair, Ronald Caldwell, Alan Clark, Jimmy Hickey, Jr, Missy Irvin, Blake Johnson, Bryan King, Clint Penzo, Brad Simon; Representatives Matthew J. Shepherd, Co-Chair, Zack Gramlich, Vice-Chair, Rick Beck, Cameron Cooper, Denise Garner, Justin Gonzales, Steve Hollowell, Jack Ladyman, Richard McGrew, Ron McNair, Matthew Shephard, and Randy Torres

Other members present: Senators Steve Crowell, Jim Dotson, Dan Sullivan; Representatives Fred Allen, Nick Burkes, Rebecca Burkes, Denise Ennett, Jon Eubanks, Kenneth Ferguson, Jessie McGruder, Dolly Henley, Rick McClure, Brit McKenzie, Aaron Pilkington, David Ray, Marcus Richmond, Johnny Rye, Tara Shephard, Trey Steimel, and Jeff Wardlaw

Senator Johnson called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Representative McKee made a motion to approve the minutes for August 6, 2026, seconded by Representative McNair, and the motion carried.

Arkansas Nuclear Feasibility Study – Presentation of Final Report [Exhibits C1–C5]

Brian Meaders, General Counsel, EXCEL Services Corporation and Natalie Rogers, Civil Engineer, Halff, presented the final report on the technical feasibility study of new nuclear generation in Arkansas, outlining the findings and presenting a recommended course of action.

Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (DEE)- Act 707 of 2025 Report [Exhibit D]

Shane Khoury, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, and Amanda Land, Chief Counsel, DEE, submitted a letter to satisfy the reporting requirement under Act 707 of 2025.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.