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League of Women Voters Duluth

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Northeastern Minnesota's Clean Energy Future

Duluth, MN – A free public forum focused on clean energy for northeastern Minnesota is planned for Wednesday, April 11, 7-9 pm at the University of Minnesota Duluth, Labovitz School of Business, Room 125. Smart policies have made Minnesota a clean energy leader. Here in northeastern Minnesota, however, 95% of electricity continue to be generated from burning coal which is known to pollute air and water. The forum will review Minnesota Power's report on the future of their oldest coal plants, and panelists will discuss plans for diversifying electricity supply to clean, efficient sources of energy that will create and sustain good paying jobs in northeastern Minnesota.

Speakers will include Al Rudeck, Vice President of Strategy and Planning, Minnesota Power; J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy; and Jill Doberstein, Program Manager, American Lung Association of Minnesota. A panel discussion and question-and-answer period will be moderated by the League of Women Voters of Duluth. The public is encouraged to attend this free forum.

Forum sponsors include the League of Women Voters of Duluth, Fresh Energy, Izaak Walton League of America—McCabe Chapter, Minnesota Environmental Partnership, Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) and the Sierra Club.

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