

The Minnesota Legislature has implemented or increased mandates of certain renewable generation sources while electric cooperatives have continued to integrate and increasing amount of renewable energy into our generation mix. We have also helped consumers save money by teaching them ways to lower their individual demand for electricity. Do you support state mandates on renewable energy and conservation? What role do you think the state should play in determining the mix of energy used by electric co-ops?

Falk: Yes. I support standards that encourage increased efficiency and use of renewable energy. These standards help ensure that our long-term energy security is on stronger footing.

Miller: I am against almost all forms of mandates. They tamper with free market competition and the consumer will always lose because of it. I understand renewable energy is part of our future and we need to invest now in it for the future. However, create incentives to expand into renewable energy generation. However, also allow for energy sources now available like coal and natural gas for electricity generation. The state right now is in the business of picking winners and losers and I am against that.