

3. What is your stance on the net metering laws in Minnesota? Do you believe electric cooperatives should be required to buy excess generation from members who own distributed generation? Do you think it is fair to require electric cooperatives to pay the retail rate rather than the lower rate at which they purchase power from the market (wholesale rate)?

**Miller:** I can appreciate the intent on net metering laws. I believe our energy policy should be an "all of the above" and there is a role for point source generation. However, as stated in my answer to the first question, the Cooperatives' relationship with their communities are a two-way partnership. The interests of everyone in that partnership should be considered. I am definitely not in favor of retail rates for purchase of localized generation. Also, if a user who has wind or solar on their property but still needs base load power from the Cooperative, they should be paying their fair share of the expenses in the infrastructure. I am uncomfortable when government gets in the way of the free market. There is a role for regulations, but not for picking winners and losers.

**Falk:** I support net metering. It keeps more of our energy dollars local. What is the true PURPA rate?