# Energy Efficiency and $CO_2$ Emissions Control
# Study Proposal 07.06

**1. Describe your project idea, including clearly defining the problems and specific policy questions to be addressed.**

Study and create short and longterm proposals for energy efficnecy and CO2 emissions control for Minnesota

**2. Why is this problem important?**

Energy costs will cause increasinging inflationary pressures on Minnesotans especially penalizing lower income persons. Climate change will have severe consequences for Minnesota and the Great Lakes

**3. How could the Citizens League make a unique contribution?**

Create a public forum for discussion - assemble key experts, stakeholders and policy makers - drive the discussiona nd process

**4. What are prospects that project would yield recommendations that could be implemented and have a major impact on the problem?**

Excellent I believe - e.g.cost/benefit analyses of home solar, implications for transportation and urban planning, incentives alternatives and fleet conversion to hybrids, CO2 credit and cap systems

**5. Explain how this problem can be addressed by data, research, and reason? Identify probable sources for data and research.**

A great deal of information is available and a number of key Minnesotans (such as Will Steger, Paul Douglas,David Morris, etc) are adddressing the issue. Data is key to driving public opinion and forming solutions

**6. Explain how this proposal can be framed without partisan bias.**

Energy efficiency,control of energy driven inflation and creation of new jobs in this field should be attractive to all political persuasions. DFL and IR policy makers are anxious to be seen as proactive in this area.

**7. Why would this project be attractive to members?**

Energy issues and climate change are critical to the welfare of all Minnesotans with implications for the farm economy, social services, water supply,etc. This is an issue people want to take on.

**8. How would this project reach out to under-represented segments of the community?**

I beleive all of us need to realize what will happen to social services if outcomes like severe increases in gas and energy prices occur or the state water supplies are threatened.

**9. What is the potential for making this issue visible to a broader public? Why?**

Excellent - in just a few years conscousness of this issue complex has dramatically improved. The actions of other states, the news coverage, the changing climate are bringing this home right now. People need and want to find solutions.

**10. What resources—funding, experts, etc. might be available to support this project?**

Numerous: NGO's, gov't agencies, state gov'ts, industry, entrepreneurs are all involved and I beleive will support efforts to discuss,plan,and engage to find answers