



February 28, 2022

Minnesota Senate Energy and Utilities Policy and Finance Committee
95 University Ave. West, Room 3401
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Consideration of the Appointment of John Tuma to the Public Utilities Commission

Dear Chair Senjem and members of the Committee:

Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) appreciates the opportunity to provide support for the confirmation of John Tuma to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

CGA is a nonprofit organization headquartered and working in Minnesota, along with eight additional states in the Midwest. CGA's membership consists of wind and solar developers, manufacturers, and nonprofit clean energy advocacy organizations. CGA is well-known for its technical and policy expertise, as well as its ability to bring diverse groups together to advance renewable energy development throughout the region.

CGA fully supports the conformation of John Tuma to serve on the PUC. Commissioner Tuma has a long and pronounced track record of working on energy issues in Minnesota. His legal background and in-depth comprehension of energy and utility law provides the necessary qualifications to deal with the very complex issues currently before the PUC. His leadership and experience over the past 7 years serving on the Commission is an invaluable asset to the PUC and will be a central figure going forward. In addition, Commissioner Tuma acknowledges the opportunities and unique challenges to developing utility scale renewable energy projects in Minnesota as well as the surrounding region.

I have had the pleasure to know and work with Commissioner Tuma for many years; both at the Commission and in the Minnesota Legislature. He understands that collaboration, relationship building, the ability to compromise, and objective independent thinking are the building blocks to achieving successful outcomes. He also recognizes that in his role as a Commissioner he must be impartial, objective, judicious, and make decisions based on facts as they are presented in the record. I urge the Minnesota Senate Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committee to recommend that he be confirmed by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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