



January 10, 2023

Minnesota Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee
95 University Ave. West, Room 3109
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Consideration of the Appointment of Katie Sieben, Matt Shuerger, and John Tuma to the Public Utilities Commission

Dear Chair Frentz and members of the Committee:

Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) appreciates the opportunity to provide support for the confirmation of Katie Sieben, Matt Shuerger and John Tuma to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

CGA is a nonprofit organization headquartered and working in Minnesota, plus 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, and ability to bring diverse groups together to advance opportunities for renewable energy development throughout the region.

CGA fully supports the confirmation of Katie Sieben, Matt Shuerger and John Tuma to serve on the PUC. These Commissioners have a long and pronounced track record of working on energy issues in Minnesota. Their technical background and in-depth understanding of energy and utility law provides the necessary qualifications to deal with the very complex issues currently before the PUC. Their leadership and experience over the past 7 years serving on the Commission is an invaluable asset to the PUC and will be central going forward. In addition, these Commissioners understand 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's Sieben, Shuerger and Tuma for many years. They understand that collaboration, relationship building, ability to compromise, and objective independent thinking are the building blocks to achieving successful outcomes. They also recognize that in their role as Commissioners, they must be impartial, objective, judicious, and make decisions based on facts as they are presented in the record. I urge the Minnesota Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee to recommend that they be confirmed by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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