



January 10, 2023

Senator Nick Frentz
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2415
St. Paul, MN 55155

Members, Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee

RE: Support for reappointment of PUC Chair Sieben and Commissioners Schuerger and Tuma

Dear Senator Frentz and committee members:

I write to express my strong support for the confirmation of Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Chair Katie Sieben and Commissioners Matthew Schuerger and John Tuma, each to a second term. All three bring thoughtful, valuable and unique perspectives to the PUC's important work, and I believe that the state of Minnesota is better off because of their leadership.

I am the executive director of the Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota (CUB), a nonprofit advocate for Minnesota utility consumers. CUB advocates for affordable utility service, clean energy, and consumer protections. CUB frequently participates in proceedings before the PUC, and I, myself, often prepare filings and represent our organizations in PUC hearings.

From CUB's perspective, it is clear that the State of Minnesota has a strong and forward-thinking PUC, in large part due to Chair Sieben, Commissioner Scheurger, and Commissioner Tuma. These commissioners bring valuable leadership, judgment, and technical and legal expertise alongside a keen eye to consumer protection, affordability, and fairness. In their second terms, I believe that the commissioners will bring helpful continuity and experience to guide the Commission through the complex matters before it in the coming years.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Annie Levenson-Falk
Executive Director

cc: PUC Chair Katie Sieben
PUC Commissioner Matthew Schuerger
PUC Commissioner John Tuma
Beth Binczik