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Minnesota State Senate  
Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate  
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 1150  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Senate File 2460, Intervenor Compensation Bill

Dear Chair Frentz, Senator Xiong, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM), I write today in support of SF2460, which provides updates to compensate intervening participants in proceedings at the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). This bill provides support for small organizations and Tribal nations to participate in these important proceedings. It also addresses disparities by allowing greater representation of Minnesota's BIPOC communities to make their voices heard on issues at the PUC.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan, non-profit organization representing the business voice of energy efficiency and clean energy in Minnesota. We work to educate Minnesotans about the economic benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy and are committed to delivering a 100% clean energy future where all Minnesota businesses and citizens will thrive. Our business membership consists of nearly 50 clean energy companies ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 100 and 500 corporations that employ tens of thousands of Minnesotans across the state.

Public interest organizations who participate in PUC proceedings invest a tremendous amount of time and effort to best inform the PUC in their decision making. Successful examples of public interest organizations having an intervening impact on PUC decisions include electric rate cases, reporting shut off risks, and affordable payment plans. However, public interest organizations intervening at the PUC can also be expensive and costly to the organization. These costs exhaust resources and create barriers to participation in regulatory proceedings.

This bill, SF2460, would provide a much needed update to the long overdue statute created by the legislature to compensate intervenors extending to participants like 501c3 non-profit organizations, Tribal governments, and Minnesotan residents. Public interest organizations have an influential impact at the PUC and this bill ensures fair compensation for the continuation of an equitable clean energy future in Minnesota.

We thank Sen. Xiong for bringing this bill forward and Chair Frentz for hearing it in committee. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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