



February 14, 2024

Minnesota Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee
Minnesota Senate Building, Room 1150
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Consideration of the Appointment of Hwikwon Ham to the Public Utilities Commission

Dear Chair Frentz and members of the Committee:

The American Clean Power Association (ACP) and Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) appreciate the opportunity to provide support for the confirmation of Hwikwon Ham to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

ACP is a national trade association representing a broad range of businesses in clean energy, including wind energy, solar energy, and transmission line developers.

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.

ACP and CGA support the confirmation of Hwikwon Ham to serve on the PUC. Commissioner Ham has a robust background and in-depth understanding of energy and utility law, providing him the necessary qualifications to deal with the very complex issues currently before the PUC. With over 20 years of government experience working on energy issues, Commissioner Ham will be an invaluable asset to the PUC going forward.

ACP and CGA trust Commissioner Ham's knowledge and expertise to tackle upcoming key issues, including ongoing IRPs, MISO transmission Tranches 1-2, and the emergence of growing technologies such as energy storage. We urge the Minnesota Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee to recommend that he be confirmed by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madelyn Smerillo".

Madelyn Smerillo
Regional Policy Manager
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika Kowall".

Erika Kowall
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