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Senator Nick Frentz
Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee
95 University Ave, W.
St. Paul, MN 55115

Dear Chair Frentz and Committee Members,

The Building Decarbonization Coalition ("BDC") respectfully submits this letter of support for the confirmation of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Commissioners Hwikwon Ham and Audrey Partridge. The BDC works to align stakeholders on a path towards equitably transforming the nation's buildings through clean energy. The Commission plays a critical role in shaping this future for the Minnesota utility energy system for decades to come and requires leaders with the technical expertise and foresight to view issues from both the macro and micro lenses they exist within.

Through her many years of service to the Commission in her role as Director of Policy for the Center for Energy and Environment ("CEE"), Commissioner Partridge has demonstrated a deep understanding of the complex and nuanced utility energy system processes and regulations as well as her commitment to working with stakeholders in clear, inclusive, and collaborative ways. We look forward to working with her in this new capacity.

Already demonstrating his expertise and leadership, Commissioner Ham's multiple decades of experience working on energy related matters within Minnesota government and service thus far as a sitting Commissioner prepare him well for continued service. His experience within State agencies provide him a crucial perspective on rule implementation. We look forward to continuing working with Commissioner Ham.

Sincerely,

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