

February 26, 2025

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

RE: PUC Confirmation Hearing for Commissioner Partridge and Commissioner Ham

Dear Chair Frentz and committee members,

On behalf of Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM), we appreciate the opportunity to write in support of the confirmation for two commissioners at the Public Utilities Commission – Commissioner Audrey Partridge and Commissioner Hwikwon Ham.

CEEM is an industry-led, nonpartisan, non-profit organization representing the business voice of energy efficiency and clean energy in Minnesota. We are focused on educating Minnesotans about the economic benefits of transitioning to a clean energy economy. Our business membership comprises over 70 clean energy companies ranging from start-up businesses to Fortune 100 and 500 corporations that employ tens of thousands of Minnesotans across the state. CEEM stands committed to delivering a 100% clean energy future where all Minnesota businesses and citizens will thrive.

Commissioner Audrey Partridge brings extensive experience in the energy sector and has contributed directly to developing key clean energy policies in Minnesota. Her deep understanding of the challenges facing our energy system will make her an invaluable addition to the commission.

Commissioner Hwikwon Ham, who joined the commission last year with 20 years of experience in energy regulation, has focused on grid reliability, transmission, and energy markets. Commissioner Ham has already shown himself as a key asset to the commission in ensuring they make informed decisions for our state's future energy demands.

CEEM strongly supports the confirmation of both Commissioner Audrey Partridge and Commissioner Hwikwon Ham. Their expertise and leadership will be vital assets to the PUC.

Sincerely,

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