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Dear Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment & Climate Committee,

We are writing to you to express our support for Audrey Partridge for appointment to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

We've had the pleasure of working with Audrey at both the Legislature and the PUC and been impressed by her ability to work with a broad array of stakeholders. She played a significant role in helping pass the state's 2040 Clean Energy Standard and her fingerprints are on most of the energy legislation passed in Minnesota this decade. She has tackled difficult issues like the clean energy transition, CIP and the current debate over data centers, working to build trust and consensus. Her work at the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) on the challenges facing electric cooperatives and municipal utilities continues to inform the debate on energy issues for many metro-area legislators. Her time with CenterPoint Energy has also given her a strong foundation in the regulatory process. Finally, she has been a friend of labor and a strong advocate for working Minnesotans.

For those reasons, the MN IBEW State Council urges you to confirm Audrey Partridge for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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