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Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed you to the office of:

Chair

Public Utilities Commission

Effective: January 3, 2023 Expires: January 4, 2027

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed December 19, 2022.

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Commissioner Public Utilities Commission

Effective: January 3, 2023 Expires: January 1, 2029

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

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REGULATORY EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Chair

Principle executive of the Public Utilities Commission, presiding over the Commission's regulatory activities, including more than 700 annual utility filings and weekly public agenda hearings. Maintained continual regulatory operations throughout the COVID pandemic.

Manage development of public planning meetings to hear from experts about emerging issues in the energy or telecommunications sectors, including meetings in Greater Minnesota, to allow for more opportunities for public engagement.

Provide financial oversight and approval of annual budget of \$8.1 million and oversee the management of professional staff of 55 employees. Establishing permitting reforms to help reduce timelines and make regulatory decisions more efficient.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Commissioner

One of five commissioners charged with making decisions regarding issuing certificates of need, as well as site or route permits for large energy facilities; setting general rates and terms for utility services; review and approval of plans for electric generation and transmission; resolution of service territory disputes; and administration of the Telephone Assistance, Lifeline, and Cold Weather Rule programs.

Mid America Regulatory Conference (MARC)

Vice-President and Executive Board member, past Secretary, past Treasurer of association of 14 states' utility and energy commissions. MARC annual conference to be held in Minnesota in June of 2024.

National Association of Regulated Utility Commission

Voting member of the Energy Resources and Environment Committee, Washington Action Committee, Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety and Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues Waste Disposal. Former member of the Gas Committee.

Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition

Serve as the Commission's representative and chair of the Executive committee of ad hoc organization of state officials, utilities, Tribal and local units of government that advocates to the federal government for solutions for nuclear waste management.

National Utilities Diversity Council

Presenter and honorary committee member of the 2021 and 2022 National Utilities Diversity Council's annual convening and conference.

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

Minnesota State Senator | Cottage Grove, District 57 and 54

First elected in 2006 for three consecutive terms to represent Cottage Grove, South St. Paul, Hastings and surrounding communities in Washington and Dakota counties; Elected by Senate DFL Caucus to serve as the Assistant Majority Leader from 2012-2016. Championed and passed legislation related to the environment, infrastructure, elections, worker's rights, and education issues.

Minnesota State Representative | Newport, District 57A

Elected in 2002 to represent Newport, St. Paul Park, Cottage Grove, South St. Paul and Grey Cloud Island Township. Re-elected in 2004.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Community Faculty Member & Adjunct Professor, Metro State University, St. Paul, MN Masters in Advocacy and Public Leadership Program, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022

EDUCATION

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA Masters in Public Administration, 2009. Bush Foundation Fellow Award Recipient

University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN Humphrey Institute Policy Fellow, 2004

Colorado College; Colorado Springs, CO Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, 1999; Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society member

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Current member and past Secretary of Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Parent Teacher Student Organization; parent volunteer in my children's sports and Boy Scouts; Big Brother Big Sister mentor; past board member of the Friends of the Mississippi River; past board member of the Stone Soup Thrift Shop; past member of the New-Park Lions Club; and past board member of the Friends in Need Food Shelf.



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October 26, 2022

Dear Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan,

It has been an honor to serve the people of Minnesota as a member of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission since 2017, including as Chair for the last three and a half years. I am committed to continuing in my role and leading the Commission as it plays an important role in Minnesota's transition to affordable, clean energy.

During my term, I have worked hard to protect the Commission's reputation as a fair and independent regulatory body that follows Minnesota laws and rules while also incorporating diverse viewpoints into our decision making. In the coming years the Commission will be tasked with navigating increasingly complex utility regulatory questions while seeking to maintain reliable, affordable service in a manner that is environmentally sustainable. As Chair, I have strived to conduct proceedings in a manner that welcomes public participation and incorporates diverse viewpoints into the record. As such, the Commission relies on input from other state agencies, local units of government, labor unions, Tribal governments and advocates to help guide the Commission in its decision-making.

I am proud of the work we have done over the previous six years, which includes approving the construction of critical infrastructure to ensure reliable and affordable energy for Minnesotans. The Commission encouraged efforts to spur economic recovery during the COVID pandemic, accelerating the timeline for projects that benefited ratepayers and local communities. This included a package of wind repowering projects across the state, and solar projects that provided local jobs and job training opportunities for disadvantaged communities.

An independent Commission does not act alone. In fact, our regulation and ability to keep rates affordable and service reliable is greatly impacted by regional, state and federal actors. Through increased public dialogue at regional, state and federal levels, and through increased communications about our regulatory decisions, stakeholders better understand the impacts of policies on our state's utilities and Minnesotans.

When Winter Storm Uri struck Minnesota in February of 2021, the state's natural gas utilities provided reliable gas service to keep Minnesotans warm. Yet, the financial impacts of the storm were significant and necessitated extraordinary actions to protect consumers. I testified at the State Capitol and asked our federal Congressional delegation to assist Minnesotans who faced spikes in their heating bills. After extensive review of all costs and with the support of consumer advocates, the Commission shielded Minnesotans from paying millions of dollars in carrying costs and tens of millions of dollars in other

charges that utilities sought to pass on to customers – one of the few states to do so. Additionally, through our regulation we were able to protect many low-income Minnesotans from the worst financial impacts of Winter Storm Uri.

As the state legislature continues to pass nation-leading energy legislation such as the Natural Gas Innovation Act, I remain committed to working cooperatively with your Administration and the legislature to implement these new laws. I remain dedicated to a collaborative path that considers the needs of local communities, and a path that will result in more Minnesotans benefitting from the impacts of the clean energy transition.

Thank you for your consideration of my application for reappointment. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the people of Minnesota as Chair of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely,

Katie Sieben

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Chair, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Public Utilities Commission

Position: Member

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Ms. Katie Jane Sieben

Phone:

County: Ramsey

Mn House District: 47A US House District: 4

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

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Part V: Signature

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