



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Audrey Partridge

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

Commissioner

Public Utilities Commission

Effective: February 10, 2025

Expires: January 6, 2031

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 January 30, 2025.

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Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE



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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Public Utilities Commission

Position: Member

Seat: Member #4

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Audrey Partridge

County: Ramsey

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: No

Mn House District: 40A

US House District: 4

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Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Signature: Audrey Partridge

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AGENCY DETAILS

MEMBER DETAILS

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AUDREY PARTRIDGE

Energy and Environmental Policy Professional

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (CEE)

Minneapolis, MN

Director of Policy

2022 - Present

- Lead CEE's policy strategy and advocacy in matters at the Minnesota Legislature and regulatory bodies to advance practical, effective clean energy solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while supporting a healthy, equitable economy.
- Collaborate with a broad range of bipartisan stakeholders, including consumer advocates, utilities, organized labor, and other clean energy organizations to develop, support, and build alignment around clean energy policies.
- Coordinate across CEE's many areas of work and expertise to ensure CEE's policy positions are consistent and informed by up-to-date research, data, and program experience.
- Led legislative initiatives to:
 - Update Minnesota's Energy Conservation Optimization Act ("ECO") to enable additional electrification and reduce unnecessary administrative burden for regulators and utilities. (2024)
 - Update ECO to expand low-income energy efficiency services and reduce administrative burden for low-income participants and program implementers. (2023)
- Played critical role in dockets to establish a regulatory framework for the Natural Gas Innovation Act and build the regulatory requirements and process for integrated resource planning for natural gas utilities in Minnesota.
- Organized and hosted a Women in Energy forum for energy policy professionals and practitioners to highlight and celebrate women's expertise in and contributions to the energy industry.

Manager of Regulatory Policy

2017 - 2022

- Led CEE's policy advocacy before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce to support regulatory policies that advance Minnesota's clean energy transition.
- Co-led the stakeholder process and co-authored the 2021 report on Decarbonizing Minnesota's Natural Gas End Uses ("G21").
- Led and authored the 2020 Minnesota Host Community Study to understand and document the economic and socio-economic impacts of power plant closures on communities and workers in six Minnesota communities.
 - Gathered data and conducted interviews with city, county, and school district staff, community members, Labor representatives, workers, and the Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council.
 - Served on the Midwestern Governors Association's planning and advisory group for Governor Walz's Preparing Midwestern Communities for Power Plant Closures initiative.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Minneapolis, MN

Local Energy Policy Manager

2016 - 2017

Senior Regulatory Analyst

2012 - 2016

- Worked with communities and local governments to develop and pursue energy and climate goals.
- Supported CenterPoint Energy's regulatory compliance and planning activities related to energy conservation, rate decoupling, and related topics.

CAPX2020 PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Minneapolis, MN

Business Analyst

2011

- Provided analysis and support for the planning and construction of a multi-billion-dollar transmission project, spanning nearly 800 miles and jointly owned by 11 utilities.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, H.H. HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Master of Public Policy

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2009 - 2011

MACALESTER COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology

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St. Paul, MN

2003 - 2007

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