



February 21, 2023

Minnesota House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 200
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 1386 (Hollins) - Public Utilities Commission directed to issue an order, utilities required to install energy storage system under certain conditions, public utilities directed to file tariff with Public Utilities Commission, Public Utilities Commission required to order installation of energy storage system, public utilities required to file plan to install energy storage systems, incentive program to install energy storage systems established, and money appropriated.

Dear Chair Acomb and members of the committee,

Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HF 1386.

CGA is a nonprofit organization headquartered and working in Minnesota, plus eight additional states in the Midwest. CGA's membership consists of wind and solar developers, manufacturers, and nonprofit clean energy advocacy organizations. CGA is well-known for its technical and policy expertise, and ability to bring diverse groups together to advance opportunities for renewable energy development throughout the region.

As we progress in our clean energy transition, we must develop resources to support our energy generation and increase grid reliability. In sections 7-18, HF 1386 sets the rules of the road for utility-scale energy storage systems, which are a valuable and necessary asset on a clean grid. The bill:

- Defines utility-scale energy storage;
- Gives the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) jurisdiction over energy storage systems larger than 5 MW; and
- Determines that until the PUC creates rules for energy storage, systems should be permitted using the same rules as solar energy systems.

To achieve our carbon-free goals, we must also pursue pragmatic policies to help us get there. Energy storage systems are an essential part of reaching 100% by 2040, and it will be necessary that we have a predictable regulatory framework to ensure these projects get permitted and built.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.
Sincerely,

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