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# Minnesota House of Representatives

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Commissioners Lange, Lipschultz, Schuerger, Sieben, and Tuma:

We are writing to support comments filed by the Mankato Building Trades, affiliated construction unions, and Sierra Club, regarding the importance of local construction jobs and the need for transparent local hiring reporting on the Stoneray Wind project.

The build-out of wind energy generation capacity has the potential to create family-supporting jobs and construction career opportunities for hundreds of Minnesotans. But that will only happen if developers prioritize hiring locals rather than relying on out-of-state workers to build Minnesota wind energy projects.

The Public Utilities Commission is charged with promoting sustainable development and efficient use of resources in the build-out of energy infrastructure. By exercising its authority to prioritize projects that create high-quality local employment, the Commission can help to ensure that local wind resources support local jobs. Similarly, by establishing local hire reporting as a permit condition, the Commission can help to ensure that policymakers and stakeholders have access to reliable data on local employment outcomes.

Minnesota needs affordable, renewable energy. We also need more jobs that provide middle-class wages, benefits, and career opportunities – especially in Greater Minnesota. We can have both if we commit to putting local people to work developing local renewable energy resources.

I respectfully urge the Commission to adopt the recommendations put forward by the Mankato Building Trades and other above mentioned parties for Stoneray and future wind power projects.

Sincerely,

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Melissa Hortman  
House DFL Leader

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Susan Allen  
State Representative





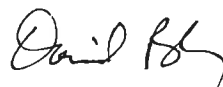
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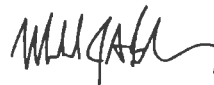
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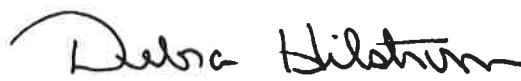
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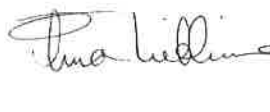
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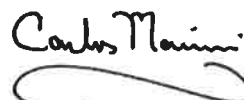
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