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STATEMENT FROM THE CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN

CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN URGES BIPARTISAN COLLABORATION ON FUTURE MAKEUP OF PSC

MILWAUKEE – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) plays a crucial role in building our state’s economy by ensuring reliability and managing costs as we transition to a clean energy future. For our state to successfully achieve our clean energy goals, we need commissioners at the PSC who bring technical depth, a commitment to fairly balanced utility interests and prioritizing the interests of customers.

The Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin (CECW) applauds today’s bipartisan confirmation of Commissioner Summer Strand to the PSC. We look forward to continuing to work with Commissioner Strand to advance the state’s clean energy transition, and welcome her leadership as she assumes the role of Chairperson following Chairperson Valcq’s upcoming departure.

In contrast to the bipartisan confirmation of Commissioner Strand, we are disappointed by the outcome of today’s vote in the Senate to reject Commissioner Tyler Huebner’s nomination to the PSC. Commissioner Huebner’s rejection, coupled with the resignation of Chairperson Valcq – a strong leader and effective advocate for managing the transition to zero-carbon electricity and community engagement in utility rate cases – will leave two vital leadership appointments vacant. This threatens to stall clean energy progress across the state.

During his four-year tenure, Commissioner Huebner has brought deep technical and market expertise, and an impartial view to the commission. His knowledge and leadership have been essential in supporting Wisconsin’s clean energy transition. Building Wisconsin’s clean economy requires thoughtful urgency, and Commissioner Huebner has shown he can make smart, balanced decisions that advance healthy, homegrown energy for the benefit of all Wisconsinites.

The role of the Senate is to advise and consent on qualified appointees for critical government functions, like the regulation of all utilities across the State of Wisconsin. A threat of rejection of appointments works against the needs of our state in attracting candidates as qualified as Commissioner Huebner for the vital role of PSC Commissioner.

The CECW urges bipartisan collaboration to confirm qualified candidates for the two vacant PSC positions to build Wisconsin’s clean energy economy, create jobs, reduce emissions, and put

forward-thinking climate policies first. The energy choices made now will impact every level of our economy for years to come. Clean energy is critical for a healthy, equitable and thriving Wisconsin, and it requires strong leadership at the PSC.

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ABOUT THE CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN

The Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin is a group of climate, energy, environmental justice and conservation organizations, businesses and allies. The Coalition leverages the combined strength of its members to enhance the quality of life for all Wisconsinites by accelerating the state's transformation to a clean energy economy. We believe that an economy-wide approach to decarbonization will take our state further, faster – with better outcomes for us all. We champion equity-first policies that create jobs for Wisconsin workers, build healthier communities and protect our natural resources. By working together, we advocate for clean energy solutions that work for all of Wisconsin's diverse cultures, communities and geographies. Learn more at www.cleaneconomywi.com.