



August 11, 2020

Chief Judge Jenny Starr
Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 64620
Saint Paul, MN 55164

Judge Starr:

On August 3, 2020, the Association of Freeborn County Landowners (“AFCL”) filed a Complaint of Violation of Commissioners’ Code of Conduct (the “Complaint”) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216A.037, asserting alleged ethical violations against Commission Chair Katie Sieben and Commissioner John Tuma. On August 10, 2020, Chair Sieben and Commissioner Tuma filed and served their Joint Answer pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216A.037, subd. 4(d).

Minn. Stat. § 216A.037, subd. 4(e) requires the Commission to refer complaints filed pursuant to this section to the Office of Administrative Hearings (“OAH”). Accordingly, the Commission, through its Executive Secretary, hereby refers the Complaint to OAH for proceedings consistent with Minn. Stat. § 216A.037 and Minn. R. Ch. 7845.

Attached to this letter are copies of the (1) AFCL's Complaint and supporting documents; (2) Joint Answer of Chair Sieben and Commissioner Tuma, with attached affidavit of Commissioner Tuma. These documents were publicly filed in MPUC Docket IP 6946/WS-17-410 and may also be accessed at edockets.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Will Seuffert'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2)