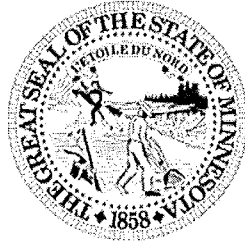


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**Governor Tim Walz** President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Hwikwon Ham**

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

**Commissioner**

**Public Utilities Commission**

Effective: January 8, 2024

Expires: January 3, 2028

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 3, 2024.

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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State



Replacing: Matthew Schuerger

Filed January 3, 2024  
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Secretary of State  
Steve Simon

**Part I: Position Sought**

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Agency Name: Public Utilities Commission  
Position: Member

**Part II: Applicant Information**

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Name: Hwikwon Ham  
Phone: (612) 419-6941  
County: Washington  
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False  
In House District: 47B  
S House District: 4

**Part III: Appending Documentation**

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**Cover Letter and Resume**

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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**Part V: Signature**

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## EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN  
Master of Arts in Economics, 1998.

**University of Illinois**; Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1988, Summa Cum Laude, University Honors

## EXPERIENCE WITH REGIONAL PLANNING AND MARKET

MISO stakeholder process participation (Since 2005)

- Annual MISO Transmission Expansion Plan
- Energy Market Design Improvement
- Generation Interconnection Process Improvement
- Resource Adequacy Requirement Update

Organization of MISO States Markets Work Group Chair (Since 2013)

Organization of MISO States Resources Work Group Member (Since 2005)

Organization of MISO States Transmission Planning Group Member (Since 2005)

Southwest Power Pool stakeholder process participation (Since 2022)

Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee Staff Work Group member (Since 2022)

Energy Systems Integration Group Redefining Resource Adequacy Task Force, 2023

- The Task Force will produce a white paper to suggest a new resource adequacy model to improve reliability.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

*Supervisor*  
Regional Energy Program,  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Dates Employed: 2016-present

- I work with the lead commissioner to promote regional transmission projects such as the Long-Range Transmission Projects and the Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue Study project. These two groups of projects will provide an opportunity for new generation to interconnect to the MISO system.

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- I work with the lead commissioner to defend Minnesota regulatory model in Resource Adequacy Rule making at MISO.

*Planning Director*

Energy Facilities Planning,  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Dates Employed: 2012-2016

- Provided technical, policy, and planning analysis and advice relating to regional transmission planning and energy markets.

*Rates Analyst*

Energy Division,  
Minnesota State Department of Commerce

Dates Employed: 2003-2012

- Reviewed and produced utilities' demand forecasting in Certificate of Need matters, Integrated Resource Planning, and General Rate Cases and wrote comments and gave testimony in contested cases.

*Research Associate*

Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs,  
University of Minnesota

Dates Employed: 1999-2003

- Responsible for management and analysis of micro-economic data, technical writing and public presentation. Worked on impact of regulation (occupational licensing) on quality and price of the service.

*Research Assistant*

Department of Economics,  
University of Minnesota

Dates Employed: 1995-2003

- Responsible for coordinating work among other assistant, data search, data management, and data analysis.

*Teaching Assistant*

Department of Economics,  
University of Minnesota

Dates Employed: 1990-1998

- Responsible for teaching courses, evaluating classes, and supervising term paper writing pertaining to Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, and advanced level Econometrics.

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Public Utilities Commission Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (Since 2022)

- Under Commissioner Means leadership, Public Utilities Commission successfully hired first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator

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Governor Walz & Lieutenant Governor Flanagan  
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Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan:

I am writing to request your consideration for appointment to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. I am interested in serving as a Commissioner now because Minnesota and the nation are in the middle of a massive energy transition that requires thoughtful and careful regulatory oversight. To this challenge I bring twenty years of experience in Minnesota energy regulation as an advocate at the Minnesota Department of Commerce and as a staff member at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. This experience has provided me an opportunity to learn and understand energy regulation at the state, regional transmission planning organization, and federal levels. My expertise has helped decision makers arrive at collaborative, politically independent decisions that have resulted in reliable and affordable energy services. This expertise and my background make me well-suited to serve as a Commissioner.

As you know, we are facing an exciting but challenging time for the energy industry. The electric power system is in a rebuilding cycle, and there is a great opportunity to achieve our decarbonization goals at an affordable cost. Meanwhile, challenging weather events such as Winter Storm Uri and Winter Storm Elliot make reaching these clean energy targets affordably, more complex. In my view, a robust regional transmission build-out is critically important to cost-effectively decarbonize the electric grid. As an expert in regional transmission planning, I will work tirelessly to advocate for the timely planning of regional transmission with rigorous fact-based arguments. I will also rely on my past experience to help smooth the transmission project approval process by evaluating the technical facts presented by parties while allowing for meaningful public input.

Additionally, we cannot provide reliable and affordable energy to Minnesotans without a collaborative process. A successful regulatory process takes into account the diverse voices of the public, and includes the opinions of other state agencies, local units of government, labor unions, Tribal governments and advocates. In my current role as the supervisor of the regional energy program, I listen to these diverse opinions in the regional market discussions and have gained a deep understanding of the importance of working collaboratively with stakeholders from around the region.

There are many issues that come before the Commission and with my twenty years of experience, I have seen the benefits and strengths of Minnesota's regulatory model that is grounded in resource planning and rate regulation. My years of service at the Department of Commerce, combined with my training in Economics, inform my strong belief that rate-regulated utility service is superior to unregulated utility service. As we saw, tragically, in Texas during Winter Storm Uri, critical infrastructure such as hospitals had service interruptions that disproportionately burdened the poor and underserved communities.

Events like these have strengthened my resolve to defend Minnesota's regulatory compact that results in fair and reliable energy services.

For the past twenty years, I have been working as a public employee serving Minnesotans. I would be honored to serve Minnesotans in a different capacity for the next four years if selected to be the next Public Utilities commissioner. I am very proud of my contributions to the Minnesota's reliable and affordable energy service. However, we are at a juncture with a great opportunity to transition to cleaner energy at an affordable cost. The key to success is timely transmission planning at the regional level, timely regulatory process with robust public input at the commission level, and timely construction of new cleaner generation sources and transmission lines after regulatory approval. All of these require utility Commissioners committed to working as fast as possible within Minnesota's statute and regulatory constructs. I believe that I have the expertise and experience to be an independent voice on the Public Utilities Commission to deliver timely and fair outcomes for Minnesotans.

Thank you for considering my application for the position.

Sincerely,



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