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To: Conference Committee
HF 4293 – Omnibus state government finance bill

Dear Conferees:

The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) represents the interests of that state's municipal electric, gas, and water utilities. Our mission is to unify, support and serve as a common voice for these utilities. There are 124 municipal electric utilities in Minnesota.

MMUA notes that the House version of HF 4293 creates a work group of stakeholders to examine and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding possible changes to the current way Minnesota collects revenue from motorists to fund much of the state's transportation infrastructure. Under the House language before the conference committee, only a representative from one of the state's three investor-owned electric utilities would be appointed to provide a utility's perspective on the Road Usage Charge Task Force. However, there are significant business differences between investor-owned utilities and municipal utilities. Therefore, MMUA respectfully requests that, if the conference committee adopts the House language creating a Road Usage Charge Task Force that begins on page R83, that it amend the language as follows:

On page R84, house language, following line 222.3, insert: "(7) one member representing municipal utilities that provide electric service to retail customers in Minnesota appointed by the commissioner of transportation;"

We hope you agree that this proposed amendment would improve the conference committee's final report if it adopts a Road Usage Charge Task Force.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



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