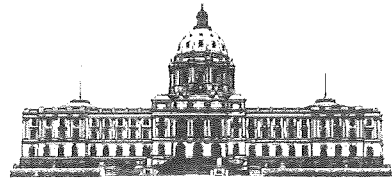


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RE: Docket No. E-999/PR-16-09
Docket No. E-121/CG-16-240
Docket No. E-124/CG-16-241
Docket No. E-999/CI-16-512

Dear Mr. Wolf,

As a member of the conference committee that considered the original bill during the regular 2015 legislative session, I am writing to share my perspective relative to the Senate's legislative intent on provisions added to Minnesota Statutes § 216B.164 Subd. 3(a). The language was included in HF 3, which passed during the 2015 special legislative session and is at issue in these dockets.

In the Senate, there was no discussion suggesting that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) would not be the body reviewing charges under this new provision. Moreover, because the provision was drafted as an amendment to Minn. Stat. 216B.164, a section of statute over which the PUC has jurisdiction, it was my understanding that the PUC would have oversight of these fees.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard J. Cohen'.

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