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To: Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock-Smith, Members of the Committee

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BlueGreen Alliance (BGA) is an alliance that works with labor and environmental organizations aimed to address our environmental challenges while creating good quality jobs. BGA is guided by the principle that we can no longer choose between good jobs and a clean and safe environment—that the actions we take to create quality jobs and to protect working people and the environment must go together as we will build a clean, thriving, and fair economy.

BlueGreen Alliance testifies in general support of HB 3546. I want to first note the important role data centers play in supporting economic development, job creation, often supporting union jobs, and the overall role data centers play supporting much of our evolving social and physical infrastructure.

Additionally, we cannot fully ignore the projected load growth and potential impacts to other ratepayers; HB 3546 lines up with other from other states to ensure that regulators and utilities can keep up with the pace with the growing needs of data centers without unduly burdening other ratepayers

With that said, we support the forward thinking of the proponents of the legislation to consider the rapid evolving load growth; I understand that there are concerns from some of our labor partners with recommendations for changes and I want to encourage the bill proponents to connect with them, I think it could lead to better policy development.

With that said, I encourage you all to support HB 3546 and continue the conversation of pursuing policies that protects ratepayers, workers, the climate, and economic development.

Respectfully,

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