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The Committee on Natural Resources met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in Room 1525 of the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the gubernatorial appointment of Greg Moen to the Nebraska Power Review Board. Senators present: Bruce Bostelman, Vice Chairperson; Joni Albrecht; Suzanne Geist; Rick Kolowski; Dan Quick; and Lynne Walz. Senators absent: Dan Hughes, Chairperson; and John McCollister.

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: Good afternoon everybody. Welcome to the Natural Resources Committee. It's a little bit after 1:00 so we'll get started. Today we will hear...we'll hold a confirmation hearing for the appointment of Greg Moen to the Nebraska Power Review Board. At this time I'd like to have our senators...I'm Senator Bostelman, I'm the Vice Chair of the Natural Resources Committee and I'd like to have our senators introduce themselves starting with Senator Kolowski.

SENATOR KOLOWSKI: Senator Rick Kolowski from District 31 in Omaha.

SENATOR GEIST: Suzanne Geist, I'm from Lincoln and I represent the east side, District 25, and all the way north to Waverly.

SENATOR QUICK: Dan Quick, District 35; I represent Grand Island.

SENATOR WALZ: Lynne Walz, District 15; I represent all of Dodge County.

SENATOR ALBRECHT: Good afternoon, I'm Joni Albrecht, District 17, Wayne, Thurston, and Dakota Counties in northeast Nebraska.

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: And we have Laurie Lage as our legal counsel sitting to my left. And to my right is Mandy Mizerski who is our clerk. And I apologize for...our page is Lee-Ann...is our page for today. What we'd like to do is, Mr. Moen, if you'd please step up to the table. If you would please give us a little bit brief about your background and experience that we need to consider. [CONFIRMATION]

GREG MOEN: (Exhibit 1) Sure. Thank you. Again, my name is Greg Moen. I wasn't born in Nebraska, but I got here as fast as I could. I was born and raised in South Dakota; grew up on a farm near Sioux Falls; graduated from Canton High School there. Then I went on to South Dakota State and received my bachelor's of science, BS, in electrical engineering. And after graduation, I went to Texas to work in a steel mill for a company called Quanax and I worked

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there as a electrical project engineer for 11 years. And there's a...in the steel industry, went through a bad recession in the late '90s and early 2000, 2001. And had some contacts in Norfolk...or my folks had some contacts in Norfolk and they had a position there for an electrical engineer, so I joined Nucor Steel in 2001 and I've been with that company ever since. Started out again as a project engineer. In 2004, I became a maintenance supervisor. And in 2008, I became the maintenance and engineering manager for Nucor Steel. Personal information about myself, this would be the first time I've done public service, other than church. I've always been active in my church and served as president in Norfolk in a Lutheran church in Norfolk and in Texas. Served on boards and councils, but this would be my first opportunity to do public service, so I'm excited about that. I'm in a position as a manager for Nucor that I can do those sorts of things and have a team that can allow me to get away, so excited for that. As far as goals, my main goal here is to serve in a honorable manner to do the best...make the best decisions I can on the Power Review Board. Safety is a big part; and working in the steel industry, safety is a big part, so I'll always be making decisions with safety in mind for those folks that are working with the electrical world and the public safety. And I also have...would like to do all we can to make public power the best it can be for Nebraska citizens and the ag. Growing up on the farm, I'm passionate about manufacturing. I think we've got a good balance of manufacturing and...in this state, so I think that's important that we work together to serve all those needs.

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SENATOR BOSTELMAN: Okay. Thank you. Do any of the committee members have a question for Mr. Moen? Senator Kolowski. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR KOLOWSKI: Thank you, sir. Mr. Moen, thank you very much for your willingness to serve and take this on. What do you think the top one or two skills or attitudes that you bring to the job that will make it different for you? [CONFIRMATION]

GREG MOEN: Ethics is...you know...we are...I've always had strong ethics or believed in that in everything I've done. And the other thing is, I'm persistent. I'm a very persistent person and want to get things done, want things to be done right and get them done in a professional manner.

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SENATOR KOLOWSKI: How many people work under you at the current time?
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GREG MOEN: About 130. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR KOLOWSKI: Excellent. And how many others do you have within that 130 that help you, your main core group? [CONFIRMATION]

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GREG MOEN: I have nine supervisors that report to me. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR KOLOWSKI: Excellent, excellent. Thank you very much. [CONFIRMATION]

GREG MOEN: Um-hum. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: Are there other questions from the committee members? Seeing none, I want to thank you for your testimony for being here today and you can have a seat back and we'll ask if there are any proponents or opponents. [CONFIRMATION]

GREG MOEN: Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: Thank you. So at this time I'll ask for any proponents. Do we have any proponents on Mr. Moen's nomination...confirmation hearing? See no proponents, are there any opponents? Are there any opponents? Seeing none, is there anyone who would like to testify in a neutral capacity? Seeing none, I was...I don't know for the record if I need to state that Senator Hughes, Chairman, and Senator McCollister were both excused absences. So with that, that will conclude our hearing for today. Thank you very much for coming. [CONFIRMATION]