

Subject Energy provisions modified; sales tax exemption for residential heating fuels and electricity expanded

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Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>[216B.1691] Renewable energy objectives.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Amends the definition of “hydroelectric” to allow all such facilities, regardless of size or initial date of operation, to count towards a utility’s renewable energy standard.</p>
2	<p>[216B.1691] Renewable energy objectives.</p> <p>Subd. 2b. Modification or delay of standard. Delays a utility’s requirement to meet a renewable energy standard if the utility’s retail rates are not at least five percent below the national average for all customer classes.</p>
3	<p>[216B.243] Certificate of need for large energy facility.</p> <p>Subd. 3b. Nuclear power plant; new construction prohibited; relicensing. Lifts the prohibition on the Public Utilities Commission’s issuance of a certificate of need for construction of a new nuclear power plant.</p>
4	<p>[216B.2442] Retired fossil fuel electric generating plant; demolition.</p> <p>Prohibits a political subdivision from issuing a permit to demolish a fossil fuel powered electric generating plant if the retail rates of the utility owning the plant are not at least five percent below the national average for all customer classes.</p>
5	<p>[216H.022] Carbon capture and sequestration; state policy.</p> <p>Establishes as state policy support for the development and deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies as a means of meeting the state’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.</p>
6	<p>[297A.67] General exemptions.</p> <p>Subd. 15. Residential heating fuels. Extends to year-round the sales tax exemption on natural gas and electricity sold to residential customers who use</p>

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these fuels as their primary source of heating. Under current law, these fuels are exempt November-April.



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