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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public utilities; providing for recovery of costs to be incurred as result
1.3 of a qualified emissions-reduction project; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006,
1.4 section 216B.1692, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.1692, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 9. Renewable energy transition charge. (a) Notwithstanding section
1.9 465.717, the St. Paul Port Authority may create a not-for-profit corporation for purposes
1.10 of owning or operating, or both, an energy center that uses a preponderance of eligible
1.11 energy technologies and serves a facility that has consumed thermal energy generated at a
1.12 large coal-fired electric generating power plant that is or will be replaced as part of the
1.13 metropolitan emissions-reduction project previously approved by the commission.

1.14 (b) At the written request of the St. Paul Port Authority, the public utility that
1.15 submitted the proposal for the emissions-reduction rider to recover the costs of the
1.16 project described in paragraph (a) shall include in the emissions-reduction rider used
1.17 to recover the costs of this project an additional amount to provide for the collection
1.18 of a renewable energy transition charge of \$20,000,000 on account of the replacement
1.19 energy center described in paragraph (a), and must be paid on collection to the St. Paul
1.20 Port Authority. The St. Paul Port Authority shall use the \$20,000,000 to pay costs
1.21 incurred in the development or construction, or both, of the replacement energy center
1.22 described in paragraph (a). The inclusion of the additional \$20,000,000 in the public
1.23 utility's emissions-reduction rate rider must be considered to be part of the original
1.24 emissions-reduction project.