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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 energy; amending definition of large energy facility; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.2421, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.2421, subdivision 2, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Large energy facility.** "Large energy facility" means:

1.8 (1) any electric power generating plant or combination of plants at a single site with  
1.9 a combined capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or more and transmission lines directly associated  
1.10 with the plant that are necessary to interconnect the plant to the transmission system;

1.11 (2) any high-voltage transmission line with a capacity of 200 kilovolts or more and  
1.12 greater than 1,500 feet in length;

1.13 (3) any high-voltage transmission line with a capacity of 100 kilovolts or more with  
1.14 more than ten miles of its length in Minnesota or that crosses a state line;

1.15 (4) any high-voltage transmission line with a capacity of 100 kilovolts or more,  
1.16 greater than 1,000 feet in length, and located in a zone, comprised of all points within  
1.17 one mile of any part of the transmission line, whose population density exceeds 8,000  
1.18 people per square mile;

1.19 (5) any pipeline greater than six inches in diameter and having more than 50 miles of  
1.20 its length in Minnesota used for the transportation of coal, crude petroleum or petroleum  
1.21 fuels or oil, or their derivatives;

1.22 ~~(5)~~ (6) any pipeline for transporting natural or synthetic gas at pressures in excess of  
1.23 200 pounds per square inch with more than 50 miles of its length in Minnesota;

- 2.1 ~~(6)~~(7) any facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site more than  
2.2 100,000 gallons of liquefied natural gas or synthetic gas;
- 2.3 ~~(7)~~(8) any underground gas storage facility requiring a permit pursuant to section  
2.4 103I.681;
- 2.5 ~~(8)~~(9) any nuclear fuel processing or nuclear waste storage or disposal facility; and  
2.6 ~~(9)~~(10) any facility intended to convert any material into any other combustible fuel  
2.7 and having the capacity to process in excess of 75 tons of the material per hour.

2.8 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.9 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.