

118.19 **ARTICLE 7**118.20 **DELIVERED FUELS**

118.21 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.02, is amended by adding a
118.22 subdivision to read:

118.23 Subd. 3a. **Propane.** "Propane" means a gas made of primarily propane and butane,
118.24 and stored in liquid form in pressurized tanks.

118.25 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
118.26 to read:

118.27 Subd. 3b. **Propane storage facility.** "Propane storage facility" means a facility
118.28 designed to store or capable of storing propane in liquid form in pressurized tanks.

118.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
118.30 to read:

119.1 Subd. 6b. **Synthetic gas.** "Synthetic gas" means flammable gas created from (1)
119.2 gaseous, liquid, or solid hydrocarbons, or (2) other organic or inorganic matter. Synthetic
119.3 gas includes hydrogen or methane produced through processing, but does not include
119.4 propane.

119.5 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.2421, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

119.17 (5) any pipeline for transporting natural or synthetic gas at pressures in excess of
119.18 200 pounds per square inch with more than 50 miles of its length in Minnesota;

119.19 (6) any facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site more than 100,000
119.20 gallons of liquefied natural gas or synthetic gas, excluding propane storage facilities;

119.21 (7) any underground gas storage facility requiring a permit pursuant to section 119.22 103I.681;

119.23 (8) any nuclear fuel processing or nuclear waste storage or disposal facility; and

119.24 (9) any facility intended to convert any material into any other combustible fuel and 119.25 having the capacity to process in excess of 75 tons of the material per hour.

119.26 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 453A.02, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

119.27 Subd. 5. **Gas.** "Gas" means either natural or synthetic gas, ~~including~~ propane,

119.28 manufactured gas, methane from coal beds, geothermal gas, or any mixture thereof,

119.29 whether in gaseous or liquid form, or any by-product resulting therefrom.

119.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

119.31 Sec. 6. **PREPURCHASING PROPANE; REPORT.**

120.1 (a) The commissioner of commerce shall conduct a study of the operation of the

120.2 propane prepurchase program under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.0951. The study

120.3 must address:

120.4 (1) the amount and price of propane prepurchased;

120.5 (2) the locations where prepurchased propane was stored and any costs of storage;

120.6 (3) a description of how the propane was distributed to customers, focusing on the

120.7 activities of the local agencies that deliver energy assistance and propane distributors;

120.8 (4) a description of any obstacles that interfered with the efficient operation of the

120.9 program, and suggestions for overcoming those obstacles; and

120.10 (5) an estimate of the savings that accrued to propane customers as a result of the

120.11 prepurchase program.

120.12 (b) By January 1 of 2016 and 2017, the commissioner of commerce shall submit a

120.13 report containing the information required under this section for the previous calendar year

120.14 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives

120.15 committees with primary responsibility for energy policy.

120.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

SEE SENATE COMMERCE ARTICLE, SECTION 17