

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 618 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 216B.1694, is amended by adding a  
1.4 subdivision to read:

1.5 Subd. 3. **Staging and permitting.** (a) A plant that proposes to use natural gas  
1.6 as a primary fuel and is located on a site designated as an innovative energy project  
1.7 site under subdivision 1, clause (3), is accorded the regulatory incentives granted to an  
1.8 innovative energy project under subdivision 2, clauses (1) to (3), and may exercise the  
1.9 authorities therein.

1.10 (b) Following issuance of a final state or federal environmental impact statement for  
1.11 an innovative energy project that was a subject of contested case proceedings before an  
1.12 administrative law judge:

1.13 (1) site and route permits and water appropriation approvals for an innovative energy  
1.14 project shall also be deemed valid for a plant meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)  
1.15 and shall remain valid for a period of four years from the date the final required state or  
1.16 federal preconstruction permit is issued; and

1.17 (2) no air, water, and other permit issued by a state agency that is necessary for  
1.18 the construction of an innovative energy project shall be the subject of contested case  
1.19 hearings, notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, chapters 7000.1750 to 7000.2200.

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

1.21 Amend the title accordingly