

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 780 as follows:

1.2 Page 3, delete subdivision 3 and insert:

1.3 "Subd. 3. **Qualifying biomass-fueled thermal energy projects.** (a) A utility or
1.4 association may include in its conservation plan biomass-fueled thermal energy projects to
1.5 displace natural gas, fuel oil, or propane.

1.6 (b) If approved by the commissioner, the natural gas displaced through the use of
1.7 biomass-fueled thermal energy projects may be applied toward the utility's natural gas
1.8 energy savings goal under subdivision 1c.

1.9 (c) In areas without natural gas service, the energy value of fuel oil or propane
1.10 displaced through the use of biomass-fueled thermal energy projects may be applied
1.11 toward the utility's electricity energy savings goal under subdivision 1c, if approved by the
1.12 commissioner. Electricity savings under this paragraph must be calculated by converting
1.13 the reduction in gallons of fuel oil or propane consumed, as determined by the electric
1.14 utility based on consumption data submitted by the customer, to British thermal units
1.15 using conventional measures of the heat values of those fuels, then dividing that amount
1.16 by 3,415 to obtain the equivalent savings in kilowatt-hours.

1.17 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, "Biomass-fueled thermal energy project"
1.18 means a project using trees and brush to fuel industrial or commercial boilers to heat
1.19 buildings located north of Trunk Highway 210 and east of Trunk Highway 59 in a city or
1.20 on a college or university campus."