ARTICLE 1

1.2 **CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE** Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS. 1.3 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies 1.4 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, 1.5 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. 1.6 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under 1.7 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. 1.8 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" 1.9 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. 1.10 **APPROPRIATIONS** 1.11 Available for the Year 1.12 **Ending June 30** 1.13 1.14 2024 2025 Sec. 2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</u> 1.15 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ <u>**0**</u> <u>\$</u> 1,133,000 1.16 The amounts that may be spent for each 1.17 purpose are specified in the following 1.18 subdivisions. 1.19 1.20 Subd. 2. Thermal Energy Network Site **Suitability Study** 1.21 \$500,000 the second year is for the thermal 1.22 energy network site suitability study under 1.23 article 9, section 39. This is a onetime 1.24 appropriation and is available until December 1.25 31, 2025. 1.26 1.27 Subd. 3. SolarAPP+ Program \$500,000 in the second year is for transfer to 1.28 the SolarAPP+ program account established 1.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.48, 1.30 for the awarding of incentives to local units 1.31 of government that deploy federally developed 1.32 1.33 software to automate the review of applications and issuance of permits for 1.34 residential solar projects. Incentives may only 1.35

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2.1	be awarded to local units of government			
2.2	located outside the electric service territo	ry of		
2.3	the public utility required to make paym	ents		
2.4	under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.	<u>779,</u>		
2.5	subdivision 1. This is a onetime transfer	and		
2.6	is available until June 30, 2028.			
2.7	Subd. 4. Grid-Enhancing Technologies	<u> </u>		
2.8	\$133,000 in the second year is for particip	ation		
2.9	in a Minnesota Public Utilities Commiss	sion		
2.10	proceeding to review electric transmission	<u>ı line</u>		
2.11	owners' plans to deploy grid-enhancing			
2.12	technologies and issue an order to imple	ment		
2.13	the plans. The base in fiscal year 2026 is	3		
2.14	\$265,000 and the base in fiscal year 202	<u>7 is</u>		
2.15	\$265,000. The base in fiscal year 2028 is	s \$0.		
2.16	Sec. 3. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMI	SSION \$	<u>-0-</u> \$	<u>267,000</u>
2.17	(a) \$39,000 in the second year is for sup	port		
2.18	of the Thermal Energy Network Deploy	ment		
2.19	Workgroup and preparation of a report.	<u>The</u>		
2.20	base in fiscal year 2026 is \$77,000, and	<u>the</u>		
2.21	base in fiscal year 2027 is \$0.			
2.22	(b) \$117,000 in the second year is for re-	view		
2.23	of electric transmission line owners' plan	ns to		
2.24	deploy grid-enhancing technologies and			
2.25	development of a commission order to			
2.26	implement approved plans. The base in f	<u>īscal</u>		
2.27	year 2026 is \$157,000 and the base in fig	scal		
2.28	year 2027 is \$157,000. The base in fiscal	year		
2.29	2028 is \$0.			
2.30	(c) \$111,000 in the second year is for			
2.31	conducting a proceeding to develop a			
2.32	cost-sharing mechanism enabling develo	opers		
2.33	of distributed generation projects to pay			
2.34	utilities to expand distribution line capaci	ity in		

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- order to interconnect to the grid. The base in
- 3.2 fiscal year 2026 is \$111,000 and the base in
- fiscal year 2027 is \$77,000. The base in fiscal
- 3.4 <u>year 2028 is \$0.</u>

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Sec. 4. GRANT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING.

- (a) By July 1, 2024, the commissioner of commerce shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy the anticipated costs for administering each named grant and competitive grant program in Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, and Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 11, section 2.
- (b) Within 90 days after each named grantee has fulfilled the obligations of their grant agreement, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy on the final cost for administering each named grant included in paragraph (a), and for each named grant in articles 7 and 8 of this act.
- (c) By January 15, 2025, and each year thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the
 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
 energy finance and policy on the annual cost for administering each competitive grant
 program included in paragraph (a), and for each competitive grant program enacted in
 articles 8 and 9 of this act.