

Subject Attorney general participation in PUC proceedings

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Summary

House File 3674 repeals the statute that requires the Office of the Attorney General to represent the interests of residential and small business utility customers with respect to “utility rates and the adequacy of utility services” in proceedings held before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and in federal proceedings relating to wholesale energy prices. The statute was enacted in 1978.

While this bill terminates the attorney general’s role as an intervenor in commission proceedings, the attorney general continues to serve as counsel to the commission, and also represents the Department of Commerce when it intervenes in commission proceedings, which it does on a regular basis.