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ARTICLE 7

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CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE

90.23 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

90.24 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
90.25 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
90.26 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.
90.27 The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
90.28 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.
90.29 "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"
90.30 is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

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<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
<u>Available for the Year</u>		
<u>Ending June 30</u>		
<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>

91.1 Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

91.2 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ 0 \$ 1,000,000

91.3 The amounts that may be spent for each
91.4 purpose are specified in the following
91.5 subdivisions.

91.6 Subd. 2. **Advanced Nuclear Technologies Study**

91.7 \$300,000 the second year is for the advanced
91.8 nuclear technologies study under article 9,
91.9 section 37. This is a onetime appropriation.

91.10 Subd. 3. **Thermal Energy Network Site**
91.11 **Suitability Study**

91.12 \$500,000 the second year is for the thermal
91.13 energy network site suitability study under
91.14 article 9, section 39. This is a onetime
91.15 appropriation.

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ARTICLE 9

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GENERAL FUND ENERGY APPROPRIATIONS

108.30 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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109.5 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.

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<u>Available for the Year</u>		
<u>Ending June 30</u>		
<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>

109.10 Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE** \$ -0- \$ 1,133,000

109.11 (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for a study
109.12 to identify suitable sites statewide for the
109.13 installation of thermal energy networks. This
109.14 is a onetime appropriation and is available
109.15 until December 31, 2025.

91.16 Subd. 4. Nuclear Generated Hydrogen;
91.17 Feasibility Study

91.18 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to the
91.19 University of Minnesota Energy Transition
91.20 Lab to perform a feasibility study on the use
91.21 of hydrogen produced by nuclear power plants
91.22 in Minnesota for manufacturing, refining,
91.23 agricultural, transportation, and other
91.24 purposes. The study must evaluate the
91.25 potential economic benefits accrued from the
91.26 use and potential sale of hydrogen, as well as
91.27 any reductions to carbon emissions that may
91.28 result from increased hydrogen and nuclear
91.29 power use. The results of the feasibility study
91.30 must be submitted to the commissioner of
91.31 commerce and to the house of representatives
91.32 and senate committees with jurisdiction over
91.33 energy policy no later than January 1, 2026.

109.16 (b) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for transfer
109.17 to the SolarAPP+ program account established
109.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.48,
109.19 for the awarding of incentives to local units
109.20 of government that deploy federally developed
109.21 software to automate the review of
109.22 applications and issuance of permits for
109.23 residential solar projects. Incentives may only
109.24 be awarded to local units of government
109.25 located outside the electric service territory of
109.26 the public utility required to make payments
109.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779,
109.28 subdivision 1. This is a onetime transfer and
109.29 is available until June 30, 2028.

109.30 (c) \$133,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for
109.31 participation in a Minnesota Public Utilities
109.32 Commission proceeding to review electric
109.33 transmission line owners' plans to deploy
109.34 grid-enhancing technologies and issue an order
109.35 to implement the plans. The base in fiscal year
109.36 2026 is \$265,000 and the base in fiscal year
110.1 2027 is \$265,000. The base in fiscal year 2028
110.2 is \$0.

91.34 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
92.1 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner of
92.2 commerce may use up to one percent of the
92.3 appropriation to administer the grant. This is
92.4 a onetime appropriation.

92.5 Sec. 3. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION** \$ 0 \$ **39,000**

92.6 \$39,000 the second year is for the thermal
92.7 energy network deployment work group under
92.8 article 9, section 38. The base budget for this
92.9 appropriation is \$39,000 in fiscal year 2026
92.10 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027.

92.11 Sec. 4. **GRANT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING.**

92.12 (a) By July 1, 2024, the commissioner of commerce shall report to the chairs and ranking
92.13 minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance
92.14 and policy the anticipated costs for administering each named grant and competitive grant

110.3 Sec. 3. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION** \$ ~~0~~ \$ **433,000**

110.4 (a) \$39,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for support
110.5 of the Thermal Energy Network Deployment
110.6 Workgroup and preparation of a report. The
110.7 base in fiscal year 2026 is \$77,000, and the
110.8 base in fiscal year 2027 is \$0.

110.9 (b) \$117,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for review
110.10 of electric transmission line owners' plans to
110.11 deploy grid-enhancing technologies and
110.12 development of a commission order to
110.13 implement approved plans. The base in fiscal
110.14 year 2026 is \$157,000 and the base in fiscal
110.15 year 2027 is \$157,000. The base in fiscal year
110.16 2028 is \$0.

110.17 (c) \$111,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for
110.18 conducting a proceeding to develop a
110.19 cost-sharing mechanism enabling developers
110.20 of distributed generation projects to pay
110.21 utilities to expand distribution line capacity in
110.22 order to interconnect to the grid. The base in
110.23 fiscal year 2026 is \$111,000 and the base in
110.24 fiscal year 2027 is \$77,000. The base in fiscal
110.25 year 2028 is \$0.

110.26 (d) \$166,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for
110.27 participating in Public Utilities Commission
110.28 proceedings to issue site and route permits for
110.29 electric power facilities under revised
110.30 administrative procedures. The base in fiscal
110.31 year 2026 and thereafter is \$121,000.

92.15 program in Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, and Laws 2023, chapter 60, article
92.16 11, section 2.

92.17 (b) Within 90 days after each named grantee has fulfilled the obligations of their grant
92.18 agreement, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of
92.19 the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy on the final
92.20 cost for administering each named grant included in paragraph (a), and for each named
92.21 grant in articles 7 and 8 of this act.

92.22 (c) By January 15, 2025, and each year thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the
92.23 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
92.24 energy finance and policy on the annual cost for administering each competitive grant
92.25 program included in paragraph (a), and for each competitive grant program enacted in
92.26 articles 8 and 9 of this act.