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Overview

House File 1309 requires the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to consider the impacts of its decisions regarding rates and the approval of new energy facilities on the economy, job growth, and job retention.

Section

- 1 **[216B.03] Reasonable rate.** Requires the Public Utilities Commission to add to the list of energy goals it is to encourage in the setting of utility rates – which include conservation and renewable energy use – economic growth and job retention.
- 2 **[216B.16] Subd. 1a. Settlement.** Requires the commission, in considering a stipulated settlement of issues, including energy rates, that are usually settled in a contested rate case, to consider the settlement’s impact on the economy, job growth, and job retention.
- 3 **[216B.16] Subd. 6. Factors considered, generally.** Requires the commission, in exercising its powers to determine just and reasonable rates, to consider the need for competitive electric rates, job preservation, and economic growth in addition to other factors.
- 4 **[216B.2422] Subd. 2. Resource plan filing and approval.** Requires the commission, in considering whether to approve a utility’s integrated resource plan, to take into account the economy, job growth, and job retention.
- 5 **[216B.2422] Environmental costs.** Requires a utility to calculate the impact of resource options considered in its integrated resource plan filed with the commission on utility rates, and specifies that any doubt with respect to those options must be resolved to support the economy, job growth, and job retention.

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- 6** **[216B.2422] Preference for renewable energy facility.** Requires the commission, in determining whether a renewable energy facility in a utility's integrated resource plan is in the public interest, to consider the resource plan's impact on the economy, job growth, and job retention.