

Subject Interconnection of Distributed Energy Facilities

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Summary

House File 5097, as amended by the H5097A1 amendment, requires the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to open a docket by September 1, 2024, to develop generic statewide standards governing the sharing of the cost of upgrading congested or constrained locations on utility distribution systems in order to allow for the interconnection of distributed generation projects under 10 MW capacity. Section 1 lists several elements of an interconnection upgrade cost-sharing procedure that the commission must address in designing new tariff standards.

Section 2 of the bill creates an ombudsperson position in the commission's Consumer Affairs Office to assist interconnection applicants and to facilitate the resolution of interconnection disputes between applicants and utilities. The position is funded via a surcharge on interconnection applications.