

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 3051 as follows:

1.2 Page 7, after line 17, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216E.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 7. **Considerations in designating sites and routes.** (a) The commission's site
1.5 and route permit determinations must be guided by the state's goals to conserve resources,
1.6 minimize environmental impacts, minimize human settlement and other land use conflicts,
1.7 and ensure the state's electric energy security through efficient, cost-effective power supply
1.8 and electric transmission infrastructure.

1.9 (b) To facilitate the study, research, evaluation, and designation of sites and routes, the
1.10 commission shall be guided by, but not limited to, the following considerations:

1.11 (1) evaluation of research and investigations relating to the effects on land, water and
1.12 air resources of large electric power generating plants and high-voltage transmission lines
1.13 and the effects of water and air discharges and electric and magnetic fields resulting from
1.14 such facilities on public health and welfare, vegetation, animals, materials and aesthetic
1.15 values, including baseline studies, predictive modeling, and evaluation of new or improved
1.16 methods for minimizing adverse impacts of water and air discharges and other matters
1.17 pertaining to the effects of power plants on the water and air environment;

1.18 (2) environmental evaluation of sites and routes proposed for future development and
1.19 expansion and their relationship to the land, water, air and human resources of the state;

1.20 (3) evaluation of the effects of new electric power generation and transmission
1.21 technologies and systems related to power plants designed to minimize adverse environmental
1.22 effects;

1.23 (4) evaluation of the potential for beneficial uses of waste energy from proposed large
1.24 electric power generating plants;

1.25 (5) analysis of the direct and indirect economic impact of proposed sites and routes
1.26 including, but not limited to, productive agricultural land lost or impaired;

1.27 (6) evaluation of adverse direct and indirect environmental effects that cannot be avoided
1.28 should the proposed site and route be accepted;

1.29 (7) evaluation of alternatives to the applicant's proposed site or route proposed pursuant
1.30 to subdivisions 1 and 2;

1.31 (8) evaluation of potential routes that would use or parallel existing railroad and highway
1.32 rights-of-way;

2.1 (9) evaluation of governmental survey lines and other natural division lines of agricultural
2.2 land so as to minimize interference with agricultural operations;

2.3 (10) evaluation of the future needs for additional high-voltage transmission lines in the
2.4 same general area as any proposed route, and the advisability of ordering the construction
2.5 of structures capable of expansion in transmission capacity through multiple circuiting or
2.6 design modifications;

2.7 (11) evaluation of irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources should the
2.8 proposed site or route be approved; ~~and~~

2.9 (12) when appropriate, consideration of problems raised by other state and federal
2.10 agencies and local entities;

2.11 (13) evaluation of the benefits of the proposed facility with respect to the protection and
2.12 enhancement of environmental quality, and to the reliability of state and regional energy
2.13 supplies; and

2.14 (14) evaluation of the proposed project's impact on socioeconomic factors.

2.15 (c) If the commission's rules are substantially similar to existing regulations of a federal
2.16 agency to which the utility in the state is subject, the federal regulations must be applied by
2.17 the commission.

2.18 (d) No site or route shall be designated which violates state agency rules.

2.19 (e) The commission must make specific findings that it has considered locating a route
2.20 for a high-voltage transmission line on an existing high-voltage transmission route and the
2.21 use of parallel existing highway right-of-way and, to the extent those are not used for the
2.22 route, the commission must state the reasons.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

2.24 Renumber the sections in sequence

2.25 Amend the title accordingly