



S.F. No. 1393 – Data Center Energy Generation Redundancy (1st Engrossment)

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S.F. 1393 defines terms and establishes the procedure applicants must follow for approval to construct a combination of emergency backup generators designed to serve one person and located on property owned or controlled by the person.

Section 1 (amends section 116D.04, subdivision 4a) states that environmental review is complete upon the adoption of the environmental document and plan for mitigation under an alternative urban review process by the responsible governmental unit.

Section 2 (amends section 216B.02, subdivision 11) defines “emergency backup generator” as a stationary compressed ignition or spark ignition engine that is installed with equipment that prevents the flow of electricity to the electric grid.

Section 3 (amends section 216B.02, subdivision 12) defines “data center.”

Section 4 (amends section 216B.243, subdivision 8) exempts a combination of emergency backup generators at a single site with a combined capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or more from the certificate of need requirement in section 216B.243, if it’s eligible for permitting as a single stationary source under Minnesota Rules.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to applications under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.243, that are pending before or submitted to the Public Utilities Commission on or after that date.

Section 5 (amends section 216I.02, subdivision 5a) adds the definition of “emergency backup generator” to section 216I.02.

Section 6 (amends section 216I.07, subdivision 2) states that an applicant for a combination of emergency backup generators designed to serve one person and located on

property owned or controlled by the person, may follow the procedures of standard review in section 216I.07, instead of the procedures of major review in section 216I.06.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to applications under Minnesota Statutes, section 216I.07, that are pending before or submitted to the Public Utilities Commission on or after that date.

Section 7 (amends section 216I.07, subdivision 3) requires an environmental assessment to include a discussion of reasonable alternatives to the proposed projects under subdivision 2, clause (2).



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