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Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 116C.779, subd. 1, paragraph (n) [2017 Supplement], attached you will find a letter from the Public Utilities Commission regarding recommended appropriations from the Renewable Development Account. Per this provision of law, this report is to be submitted to the Senate committee and the House committee with jurisdiction over energy policy and finance by February 15 each year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dan Wolf
Executive Secretary
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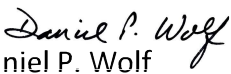
Under Laws of Minnesota 2017, Chapter 94, Article 10, Section 3, significant changes were made to Minn. Stat. § 116C.779, subdivision 1 regarding the therein-renamed Renewable Development Account (RDA). Among other changes, the RDA was established as a special revenue fund in the state treasury and expenditures from the fund are to be made by legislative appropriation.

A RDA Advisory Group is to design a request for proposals, evaluate projects, and submit recommendations to the public utility, which has sole authority to determine which expenditures are submitted to the Legislature. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is to approve a proposed expenditure, disapprove a proposed expenditure, or, if agreed to by Xcel Energy, modify a proposed expenditure; and the Commission is then to present annually by February 15 recommendations to the Senate and House committees with jurisdiction over energy policy and finance.

The Commission has received no funding recommendations to date from the Advisory Group or from Xcel Energy. Consequently, there was not a set of proposals to bring before the Commission and thus no resulting Order taking Commission action on any funding recommendations.

Therefore, the Commission has no recommended appropriations to present to the Legislature for at this time.

Sincerely,


Daniel P. Wolf

Executive Secretary

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