Anaerobic Digester Energy System Grant Administration Reporting

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Executive Summary

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) submits this report in fulfillment of the requirement set forth by the Laws of Minnesota 2024, Chapter 127, article 40, section 4(b):

Sec. 4. GRANT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING.

(b) Within 90 days after each named grantee has fulfilled the obligations of the grantee's grant agreement, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy on the final cost to administer (1) each named grant included in paragraph (a), and (2) each named grant in this article and article 41.

Section 4(b) requires reporting on the named grants included in article 41. The laws of 2024, chapter 127, article 41, section 2, subdivision 5 include a grant of $5,000,000 for an anaerobic energy system:

Subd. 5. Anaerobic Digester Energy System

(a) $5,000,000 the second year is for a grant to Recycling and Energy, in partnership with Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC, to construct an anaerobic energy system in Louisville Township. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "anaerobic energy system" means a facility that uses diverted food and organic waste to create renewable natural gas and biochar.

The grant ended May 7, 2026. The total costs to administer the grant were $8,275.95.