



2.1 (c) The Public Utilities Commission must allow electronic submission of environmental  
2.2 review and permit documents to the agency.

2.3 (d) Beginning July 1, 2018, within 30 business days of application for a permit subject  
2.4 to paragraph (a), the Public Utilities Commission must notify the project proposer, in writing,  
2.5 whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the commissioner determines that an  
2.6 application is incomplete, the notice to the applicant must identify all deficiencies, citing  
2.7 specific provisions of the applicable rules and statutes, and advise the applicant on how the  
2.8 deficiencies can be remedied. This paragraph does not apply to an application for a permit  
2.9 that is subject to a grant or loan agreement under chapter 446A.

2.10 **Sec. 2. PERMITTING PROCESS REVIEW.**

2.11 (a) The Public Utilities Commission must evaluate its pipeline routing permitting  
2.12 processes under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G, to determine whether existing processes  
2.13 cause, encourage, or reduce unnecessary delays in the pipeline permitting process. To the  
2.14 extent the Public Utilities Commission identifies any processes that are repetitive, duplicative,  
2.15 unnecessary, or cause burden or delay, the commission must either: (1) alter or eliminate  
2.16 the process; or (2) provide justification detailing the reasons why a process that causes delay  
2.17 is necessary.

2.18 (b) The Public Utilities Commission must report its findings under paragraph (a) to the  
2.19 governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
2.20 jurisdiction over energy policy and finance. The report must describe in detail all of the  
2.21 processes reviewed, an explanation as to whether or why each process is necessary or should  
2.22 be altered or eliminated, and include any action taken by the commission to streamline any  
2.23 processes identified for alteration or elimination. The report under this section must be  
2.24 included with the August 1, 2018, submission of the report required under Minnesota  
2.25 Statutes, section 216G.02, subdivision 5, paragraph (b).

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