

2.1 No public utility shall, as to rates or service, make or grant any unreasonable
2.2 preference or advantage to any person or class of consumers or subject any person or class
2.3 of consumers to any unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage.

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

2.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 216B.16, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.6 to read:

2.7 Subd. 6e. **Revenue allocation among consumer classes.** Cost of service shall
2.8 be the primary consideration in the commission's determination of revenue allocation
2.9 among consumer classes. Factors other than cost of service, including impact on business
2.10 development and job growth, may also be considered and evaluated by the commission
2.11 in determining revenue allocations. Revenue allocation among consumer classes that
2.12 deviates from the cost of service must be supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.14 and applies to filings for rate changes filed on and after that date.

2.15 Sec. 4. **LOW-INCOME AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS FOR UTILITY**
2.16 **SERVICE; STUDY.**

2.17 The Department of Commerce shall, by February 1, 2013, make recommendations,
2.18 including any proposed legislation, to the committees of the legislature with primary
2.19 jurisdiction over energy policy to increase the number of eligible individuals receiving
2.20 benefits from low-income affordability programs established under Minnesota Statutes,
2.21 section 216B.16, subdivision 15. In developing its recommendations the department must,
2.22 among other things, study low-income utility affordability programs in other states and
2.23 consult with representatives of interested parties, including utilities and the low-income
2.24 community.

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