

A bill for an act

relating to energy; requiring advance notice to certain local units of government of intent to file certificate of need for construction of large energy facility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.243, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.243, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Local notice required.** (a) A person intending to file an application for a certificate of need for a pipeline or a high-voltage transmission line under this section shall file, at least 180 days in advance of filing the application, a notice of intent to file the application with each local unit of government that has jurisdiction within the proposed facility's potential routing path.

(b) A public meeting with the applicant must be held within 30 days of a request by any local unit of government served with a notice of intent to file. A single public meeting attended by the applicant and representatives of all local units of government that request a public meeting satisfies this requirement.

(c) A construction moratorium adopted by a local unit of government after receiving notice under paragraph (a) does not apply to the proposed facility for which notice has been provided.

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