

A bill for an act

relating to utilities; modifying provisions for recording proceedings of Public Utilities Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216A.03, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216A.03, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Record of proceedings.** An audio magnetic or audio electronic recording device shall be used to keep a record of all proceedings before the commission ~~unless the commission provides a hearing reporter to record the proceeding.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6a. **Hearing reporter.** A magnetically or electronically recorded record is not required if the commission requires a hearing reporter to record the proceeding. The commission may delegate to the executive secretary authority to require hearing reporter services. The cost of hearing reporter services thus required must be borne by the utility, telephone company, or telecommunications carrier that is the subject of the proceeding. If more than one company is the subject of a proceeding, the commission, or if the commission so delegates the executive secretary, shall determine how the hearing reporter costs are to be allocated for the proceeding.