

A bill for an act

relating to utilities; authorizing supplemental funding for Public Utilities Commission; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.62, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.62, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. **Supplemental staffing assessment.** In addition to other assessments in subdivision 3, the commission may assess up to \$800,000 per year for supplemental staffing to implement requirements of this chapter. The amount in this subdivision shall be assessed to the several public utilities in proportion to their respective gross operating revenues from retail sales of gas or electric service within the state during the last calendar year, shall be deposited into an account in the special revenue fund, and are appropriated to the commission. An assessment made under this subdivision is not subject to the cap on assessments provided in subdivision 3 or any other law.

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