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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3457**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy  
03/04/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; establishing a deadline for state agencies to issue permits for a  
1.3 large electric power facility that has been granted a site or route permit; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 216E.10, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 216E.10, subdivision 2, is amended  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Other state permits.** (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,  
1.9 utilities shall obtain state permits that may be required to construct and operate large electric  
1.10 power facilities. A state agency ~~in~~ processing a utility's facility permit application shall be  
1.11 bound to the decisions of the commission, with respect to the site or route designation, and  
1.12 with respect to other matters for which authority has been granted to the commission by  
1.13 this chapter.

1.14 (b) No later than 60 days after the date the commission issues a site or route permit under  
1.15 this chapter, a state agency must make a final decision on any permit that the state agency  
1.16 is authorized to issue and that is required in order to construct or operate the facility that  
1.17 was issued a permit by the commission, unless:

1.18 (1) the 60-day limit conflicts with the requirements of federal law, in which case the  
1.19 federal law applies;

1.20 (2) the permit application is incomplete, in which case the agency must specify the  
1.21 missing information in writing to the permit applicant within ten days of receiving the permit  
1.22 application and the 60-day limit does not begin until the permit applicant supplies all the  
1.23 additional information requested to the agency; or

2.1 (3) the permit applicant agrees to extend the 60-day period.

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

2.3 applies to projects issued a site or route permit by the commission on or after that date.