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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; allowing alternative review for high-voltage transmission lines
1.3 applicants under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section
1.4 216E.04, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216E.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Applicable projects.** The requirements and procedures in this section apply to
1.8 the following projects:

1.9 (1) large electric power generating plants with a capacity of less than 80 megawatts;

1.10 (2) large electric power generating plants that are fueled by natural gas;

1.11 (3) high-voltage transmission lines of between 100 and 200 kilovolts;

1.12 (4) high-voltage transmission lines in excess of 200 kilovolts and less than five miles
1.13 in length in Minnesota;

1.14 (5) high-voltage transmission lines in excess of 200 kilovolts if at least 80 percent of
1.15 the distance of the line in Minnesota will be located along existing high-voltage transmission
1.16 line right-of-way;

1.17 (6) a high-voltage transmission line service extension to a single customer between 200
1.18 and 300 kilovolts and less than ten miles in length;

1.19 (7) a high-voltage transmission line rerouting to serve the demand of a single customer
1.20 when the rerouted line will be located at least 80 percent on property owned or controlled
1.21 by the customer or the owner of the transmission line; ~~and~~

- 2.1 (8) large electric power generating plants that are powered by solar energy; and
- 2.2 (9) a high-voltage transmission line in excess of 200 kilovolts, if the applicant is able
- 2.3 to demonstrate secured voluntary easements or other agreements with all landowners located
- 2.4 within the proposed route's right-of-way.