

7690.0500 BIENNIAL CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FILING.

Subpart 1. **Time limits.** No later than July 1 of each even-numbered year beginning in 1998, a public natural gas utility required by Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.241, to invest in a conservation improvement program shall file with the department a biennial conservation improvement program. No later than August 1, 1997, and every odd-numbered year afterward, a public electric utility required by Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.241, to invest in a conservation improvement program shall file with the department a conservation improvement program.

Subp. 2. **Contents.** The biennial conservation improvement program filing must include:

A. a comprehensive description of the proposed program, including a description of each project making up the program;

B. for each individual project, a completed project information sheet that will be provided by the department. The project information sheet can be used to provide the information required in items E and F;

C. for each project making up the program, a description of the expected effect of each project on peak demand and energy consumption with supporting assumptions, including a list of each conservation technology or process to be promoted and the energy- and demand-savings assumptions associated with each identified technology;

D. for each electric utility that must submit an integrated resource plan to the Public Utilities Commission, an explanation of how its overall conservation improvement program enables the utility to meet the long-term demand-side management goals established in its most recent integrated resource plan;

E. an estimate of the expected cost-effectiveness of each project to the utility, to the project's participants, to the utility's ratepayers, and to society;

F. for each project targeted at residential consumers, an estimate of the anticipated percentage of use of each project among:

(1) low-income participants; and

(2) renters;

G. a detailed budget for each project for the next two years;

H. a description of the utility's ratemaking treatment and cost-recovery method;

I. an estimate of participation in each project;

J. an explanation of how the proposed projects provide for the involvement of community energy organizations when appropriate;

K. an outline of the proposed plan for evaluating the effectiveness of each proposed project;

L. for each renewable energy project, an estimate of the net energy and capacity to be produced by each project and the projected reliability of the technology that would be used; and

M. additional information that the department determines is necessary as a result of its review or evaluation of previous projects of the particular utility.

Subp. 3. **Completeness review.** Upon receipt of a utility's plan, the department shall conduct a completeness review based on the filing requirements listed in subpart 2. The department's findings after this review must set forth the information necessary to make the plan complete and the date by which the information must be filed. The department staff's findings must be issued no later than ten days after the plan is filed with the department. When the department determines that the necessary information has been filed to make the plan complete, it shall serve a written notice of completion on the utility and persons on the utility's service list established under part 7690.0800, subpart 1.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 216B.08; 216B.241*

History: *10 SR 1266; 14 SR 2193; 22 SR 1402*

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