

**7843.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in parts 7843.0100 to 7843.0600 have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Commission.** "Commission" means the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Subp. 3. **Construction.** "Construction" means significant physical alteration of a site to install or enlarge a major utility facility, but does not include activities incident to preliminary engineering or environmental studies.

Subp. 4. **Contested case proceeding.** "Contested case proceeding" means a resource plan proceeding that has been referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for proceedings under Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.57 to 14.62.

Subp. 5. **Electric utility.** "Electric utility" means a person, corporation, or other legal entity engaged in generating, transmitting, and selling at retail electricity in Minnesota and whose retail rates are regulated by the commission.

Subp. 6. **Forecast period.** "Forecast period" means the first 15 calendar years following the year the proposed resource plan is filed.

Subp. 7. **Major utility facility.** "Major utility facility" has the meaning given the term in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.24, subdivision 1.

Subp. 8. **Party.** "Party" means the utility that submitted a specific proposed resource plan or an entity permitted to intervene in the proceeding to evaluate that plan.

Subp. 9. **Resource plan.** "Resource plan" means a set of resource options that a utility could use to meet the service needs of its customers over the forecast period, including an explanation of the supply and demand circumstances under which, and the extent to which, each resource option would be used to meet those service needs. These resource options include using, modifying, and constructing utility plant and equipment; buying power generated by other entities; controlling customer loads; and implementing customer energy conservation.

Subp. 10. **Socioeconomic effects.** "Socioeconomic effects" means changes in the social and economic environments, including, for example, job creation, effects on local economies, geographical concentration of persons and structures, concentration of investment capital, and the ability of low-income and rental households to receive conservation services.

Subp. 11. **Utility.** "Utility" means electric utility.

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