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1	Department of Public Service				
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3	Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Minnesota Energy Code				
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5	Rules as Adopted				
6	GENERAL DEPT. OF PUBLIC SERVICE				
7	7670.0100 AUTHORITY; SCOPE; APPLICABILITY.				
8	Subpart 1. Authority. This chapter is adopted pursuant to				
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13	16B.59 to 16B.73.				
14	Subp. 3. Applicability. Buildings covered by this chapter				
15	must comply with the Model Energy Code as amended by parts				
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17	EXCEPTION: Relocated residential buildings need not comply				
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19	must be conducted on the relocated building.				
20	7670.0125 LEGISLATIVE MANDATES CONCERNING MINNESOTA ENERGY CODE.				
21	An enclosed structure or portion of an enclosed structure				
22	constructed after January 1, 1978, and used primarily as a				
23	commercial parking facility for three or more motor vehicles may				
24	not be heated. Incidental heating resulting from building				
25	exhaust air passing through a parking facility is not prohibited				
26	if substantially all useful heat previously has been removed				
27	from the air.				
28	EXCEPTION: Parking facilities that are appurtenant to				
29	dwelling unit occupancies.				
2.0	2620 0120 INCORPORTING DV DEFERENCE				
30	7670.0130 INCORPORATIONS BY REFERENCE.				
31	Subpart 1. Incorporated items. The following standards				
32	and references are incorporated by reference:				
33 34	A. The Model Energy Code, 1989 Edition, as published by the Council of American Building Officials (Falls Church,				
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02/19/91 [REVISOR] CEL/MS AR1835 1 Virginia), as amended by parts 7670.0260 to 7670.1000. 2 B. Code of Federal Regulations, title 10, part 435, 3 Energy Conservation Voluntary Performance Standards for New Commercial and Multi-Family High Rise Residential Buildings; 4 Mandatory for New Federal Buildings. 5 6 C. Code of Federal Regulations, title 10, part 430, National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987. 7 LTGSTD, lighting prescriptive and system 8 D. 9 performance compliance calculation program, a computer program 10 developed by Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories. ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 119-1988, Air Leakage 11 Ε. 12 Performance for Detached Single-Family Residential Buildings. 13 AAMA Standard 1503.1-88, Voluntary Test Method for F. 14 Thermal Transmittance and Condensation Resistance of Windows, 15 Doors and Glazed Wall Sections. G. ASTM C 236-87, Standard Test Method for Steady 16 State Thermal Performance of Building Assemblies by means of a 17 Guarded Hot Box. 18 ASTM C 976-82, Standard Test Method for Thermal 19 Η. 20 Performance of Building Assemblies by means of a Calibrated Hot Box. 21 22 WINDOW, a computer program developed by the I. Windows and Daylighting Group at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. 23 Subp. 2. Availability. All standards and documents 24 incorporated by reference are available for public inspection at 25 the Minnesota State Law Library and through the Minitex 26 interlibrary loan system. In addition: 27 ASHRAE and ANSI/ASHRAE documents and standards are 28 Α. available from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating 29 and Air-Conditioning Engineers - Publication Sales, 1791 Tullie 30 Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30329; 31 AAMA standards are available from the American Β. 32 Architectural Manufacturers Association, 2700 River Road, Des 33 Planes, IL 60018; 34 с. ASTM standards are available from ASTM, 1916 Race 35 Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; and 36

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D. The WINDOW computer program is available from
 Bostik Construction Products, 1740 County Line, Huntington
 Valley, PA 19006.

4 7670.0260 MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

5 Section 102 of the Model Energy Code is amended by adding a 6 paragraph to read:

102.3 Thermal Insulation. Thermal insulation used in
residential buildings three stories or less in height must
conform to chapter 7640, Minnesota Thermal Insulation Standards,
adopted by the Department of Public Service.

11 7670.0325 AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 201: DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. Thermal transmittance (U). In section 201 of the Model Energy Code, the definition of "Thermal transmittance (U)" is amended to read:

15 THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE (U). The coefficient of heat 16 transmission (air to air). It is the time rate of heat flow per 17 unit area and unit temperature differential between the warm 18 side and cold side air films (Btu/h ft² F).

19 Thermal transmittance of opaque wall components (U_W) and 20 roof/ceiling components (U_r) calculation methods are defined in 21 the references indicated:

(1) Parallel heat flow method: Model Energy
Code, chapter 5, equations 1 and 2, substituting the framing and
insulated cavity components of the opaque wall or roof/ceiling
for the elements designated by subscripts in these equations.

26 (2) Series-parallel method: Page 20.8 of
27 Standard RS-1 listed in chapter 7.

(3) Parallel path correction factor method:Standard RS-24 listed in chapter 7.

30 (4) Thermal bridges in sheet metal construction
31 method: Standard RS-25 listed in chapter 7.

32 (5) Zone method: Pages 22.10 and 22.11 of
33 Standard RS-1 listed in chapter 7.

34 Subp. 2. Vapor retarder. Section 201 of the Model Energy 35 Code is amended by adding a new definition to read:

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1 VAPOR RETARDER. A material to retard air and water vapor 2 passage designed to meet a maximum perm rating of 1.0 grain per 3 hour per ft² per inch Hg pressure differential. Polyethylene 4 material that is not cross laminated which is used to meet the 5 requirements of this paragraph must be designed to have a 6 minimum thickness of four mills.

Subp. 3. Wind wash. Section 201 of the Model Energy Code
is amended by adding a new definition to read:

9 WIND WASH. Wind wash is the passage of unconditioned air 10 through thermal insulation of the building envelope.

Subp. 4. Window area. Section 201 of the Model Energy
Code is amended by adding a new definition to read:

WINDOW AREA. Window area, or glazing area, is either the area of glazing and sash, or the area used by the manufacturer to determine the window thermal transmittance.

16 7670.0400 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 302: DESIGN CONDITIONS.

17 Footnote 1 of section 302.1 of the Model Energy Code is 18 amended to read:

19 ¹The exterior design temperature must be selected from the 20 "Design Conditions" columns shown in Table 302.1.

EXCEPTION: Where necessary to assure the prevention of damage to the building or to material and equipment within the building, the values listed in Table 302.1 under "extreme conditions" may be used.

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TABLE 302.1 Exterior Design Temperatures

26		DESIGN CON		EXTREME CON	
27	CITY	SUMMER DB/WB	WINTER DB	SUMMER DB/WB	WINTER DB
28					
29	Albert Lea	87/72	-17	90/74	
30	Alexandria	88/72	-22	90/72	-28.0
31	Bemidji	85/69	-31	88/69	-36.9
32	Brainerd	87/71	-20	90/73	
33	Duluth	82/68	-21	85/70	-27.4
34	Faribault	88/72	-17	91/74	-24.3
35	Fergus Falls	88/72	-21	91/72	-27.8
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		83/68	-29	85/68	-36.5
			-17	91/72	
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					-22.0
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36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45	International Falls Mankato Minneapolis Rochester St. Cloud St. Paul Virginia Willmar Winona	83/68 88/72 89/73 87/72 88/72 89/73 83/68 88/72 88/73	-29 -17	85/68 91/72 92/75 90/74 91/74 92/75 85/69 91/74 91/75	

1 2 "DB" = dry bulb temperature, degrees Fahrenheit 3 "WB" = wet bulb temperature, degrees Fahrenheit 4 Heating degree days must be selected from Standard RS-23 5 listed in chapter 7. Adjustments may be made as determined by 6 the building official to reflect local climates which differ 7 from the tabulated temperatures or local weather experience. 8 7670.0450 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 303: VENTILATION. 9 Section 303.1 of the Model Energy Code is amended to read: 10 303.1 Ventilation. Ventilation systems must be designed to 11 conform with Standard RS-3 listed in chapter 7. 7670.0470 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 502: ENVELOPE THERMAL 12 13 TRANSMITTANCE. Subpart 1. Section 502.2.1 of the Model Energy Code is 14 15 amended by adding a paragraph to read: 16 502.1.4 Thermal transmittance of opaque wall components and 17 roof/ceiling components. Thermal transmittance of opaque wall 18 components (U_w) and roof/ceiling components (U_r) must be calculated using the following methods: 19 20 (1) Wood frame: Parallel heat flow method. 21 (2) Masonry blocks with insulation inserts or filled cores 22 and other envelope assemblies containing nonmetal framing: 23 Series-parallel method. (3) Metal framing bonded on one or both sides to a metal 24 skin or covering: Thermal bridges in sheet metal construction 25 method. 26 27 (4) Nonmetal surface with metal framing: (a) For elements identified in Standard RS-24 listed in 28 chapter 7, the parallel path correction factor method. 29 (b) For elements not identified in Standard RS-24 listed in 30 chapter 7, the zone method. 31 Subp. 2. Section 502.1 of the Model Energy Code is amended 32 33 by adding a paragraph to read: 502.1.5 Thermal transmittance of window area and skylight 34 elements. Thermal transmittance of window area (U_q) and 35

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skylight elements (U_S) must be determined in accordance with one 1 of the following methods: 2 3 (1) Representative U-values for fenestration products, pages 27.16 to 27.18 of Standard RS-1 listed in chapter 7; 4 5 (2) Standard RS-26 listed in chapter 7; 6 (3) Standard RS-27 or RS-28 listed in chapter 7 using 7 design conditions specified in footnote (a) of table 13, chapter 27 of Standard RS-1; or 8 (4) Standard RS-29 listed in chapter 7 using design 9 conditions specified in footnote (a) of table 13, chapter 27 of 10 11 Standard RS-1. 12 Subp. 3. Section 502.2.1 of the Model Energy Code is amended by adding a new section to read: 13 502.2.1.7 Alternative compliance. Alternative methods of 14 15 compliance with sections 502.2.1.1, 502.2.1.2, and 502.2.1.3 for one- and two-family residential buildings. 16 17 Minimum performance for Type A-1 (one- and two-family) buildings: 18 19 Ceilings Walls Floors Windows Doors 20 $R - 20^{1}$ $R-20^{l}$ Maximum U-0.49² 21 R-38 R-3 22 (1) For the insulated cavity of opaque walls, floors, and 23 rim joists. 24 25 (2) Maximum window area must not exceed 12 percent of the area of exterior walls, not including foundation walls. 26 Site-built fixed glazing must be installed in either an 27 aluminum or steel frame having a minimum 0.25 inch low 28 conductance thermal break or in wood or vinyl framing. The 29 glazing must be either double-glazed with a dead air space 30 between panes of nominal one-half inch spacing or triple-glazed 31 with a dead air space between panes of not less than one-fourth 32 inch. 33 7670.0480 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 502: EFFECTIVENESS OF REQUIRED 34

35 THERMAL INSULATION.

36 Section 502.2 of the Model Energy Code is amended by adding 37 paragraphs to read:

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502.2.1.8 Cold weather vapor condensation. Building
 assemblies are required to maintain the thermal performance of
 required insulation and the integrity of building materials
 against cold weather water vapor condensation.

5 502.2.1.8.1 Vapor retarder. A vapor retarder must be 6 installed between the interior surface and the winter design 7 condition dew point location within each building envelope 8 surface. The vapor retarder must be continuous and joints in 9 the vapor retarder must be sealed between solid blocking.

10 EXCEPTION: A vapor barrier need not be installed on the 11 rim joist insulation.

12 502.2.1.8.2 Air leakage barrier. A barrier against air 13 leakage must be installed to prevent the leakage of moisture-laden air from the house into the building envelope. 14 15 An air barrier must be continuous at all plumbing and heating 16 penetrations of interior surface of the building exterior envelope. If a tub or shower is located on an exterior wall, an 17 18 air barrier must be provided at the interior surface of the 19 building exterior envelope behind the tub or shower.

20 502.2.1.9 Preventing wind wash. A barrier must be provided
21 at the following locations to mitigate wind wash:

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A. the exterior edge of attic insulation; and

B. cantilevered floors and bay windows, includingcorners with adjoining vertical walls above and below.

25 7670.0500 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 502: SLAB ON GRADE FLOORS.
26 Section 502.2.1.4 of the Model Energy Code is amended to
27 read:

502.2.1.4 Slab on grade floors. For slab on grade floors, the thermal resistance of the insulation around the perimeter of the floor must be not less than the value given in Table No. 502.2.1. The insulation must extend downward from the top of the slab to the design frost line or downward to the bottom of the slab then horizontally beneath the slab for an equivalent distance, and must be an approved type.

35 7670.0510 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 502: FOUNDATION WALLS.

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1 Section 502.2.1.6 of the Model Energy Code is amended to 2 read:

3 502.2.1.6 Foundation walls. Foundation walls enclosing 4 heated or conditioned spaces must be insulated.

5 Either the thermal resistance (R) of the insulation on the 6 entire opaque foundation wall must be not less than R-5, or the thermal resistance (R) of the insulation on the opaque 7 8 foundation wall must be not less than R-10 from the top of the wall down to the design frost line. If the top of the footing 9 10 is at or above the design frost line, the thermal resistance (R) of the insulation on the wall must not be less than R-5 from the 11 top of the wall to the top of the footing. 12

All insulation used in or on foundation walls must be 13 approved for the intended use. The insulation must be installed 14 in accordance with the approved manufacturer's specifications. 15

16 If the foundation wall insulation is on the exterior, the 17 portion from the top of the foundation wall to six inches below grade must be covered by an approved protective coating finish 18 19 to protect the insulation from deterioration due to sunlight and physical abuse. 20

21 7670.0550 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 502: AIR LEAKAGE.

Subpart 1. Alternative. Section 502.4.3 of the Model 22 Energy Code is amended by adding an exception as follows: 23 EXCEPTION: As an alternative to the prescriptive 24 requirements of section 502.4.3 for detached single-family 25 residential buildings, air tightness must comply with air 26 leakage class A, B, C, or D of Standard RS-30 listed in chapter 27 7. In addition, this alternative requires that the ventilation 28 29 system must provide a ventilation rate of not less than 0.35 air changes per hour (determined in accordance with Standard RS-3, 30 Table 2.3) or 15 cfm per person, whichever is greater. This 31 ventilation rate must be verified by measurement. If this 32 alternative is not chosen, this ventilation rate requirement 33 34 applies only if required by Standard RS-3. 35

Subp. 2. Fire stops. Section 502 is amended by adding a

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1 section as follows:

502.4.4 Fire stops. Fire stops must be installed in accordance with the State Building Code. When mineral fiber or glass fiber materials are used as fire stop construction at ceilings and wall cavities separating conditioned and nonconditioned spaces, the fire stop must be installed to block air movement.

8 EXCEPTIONS: A fire stop need not block air movement if its 9 installation would conflict with any other part of the State 10 Building Code.

11 7670.0610 AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 503: BUILDING MECHANICAL
12 SYSTEMS.

Subpart 1. Calculation procedures. Section 503.2.1 of the Model Energy code is amended to read:

15 503.2.1 Calculation procedures. Heating and cooling system
16 design loads for the purpose of sizing systems and equipment
17 must be determined in accordance with the procedures described
18 in Standard RS-1 listed in chapter 7.

19 503.2.1.1 Safety factor. Design loads may at the 20 designer's option be increased by as much as ten percent to 21 account for unexpected loads or changes in space usage.

503.2.1.2 Pick-up loads. Transient loads such as warm-up 22 23 or cool-down loads that occur after off-hour setback or shutoff may be calculated from principles based on the heat capacity of 24 the building and its contents, the degree of setback, and 25 desired recovery time; or may be assumed to be up to 30 percent 26 for heating and ten percent for cooling of the steady-state 27 design loads. The steady-state load may include a safety factor 28 in accordance with section 503.2.1.1. 29

30 Subp. 2. System and equipment sizing. Section 503.2 of 31 the Model Energy Code is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

503.2.3 System and equipment sizing. HVAC systems and equipment must be sized to provide no more than the space and system loads calculated in accordance with 503.2.1.

35 Exceptions:

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(a) Equipment capacity may exceed the design load if the
 equipment selected is the smallest size needed to meet the load
 within available options of the desired equipment line.

4 (b) Equipment whose capacity exceeds the design load may be
5 specified if oversizing the equipment can be shown to not
6 increase the overall annual energy costs.

7 (c) Stand-by equipment may be installed if controls and 8 devices are provided that allow stand-by equipment to operate 9 automatically only when the primary equipment is not operating.

10 (d) Multiple units of the same equipment type, such as 11 multiple chillers and boilers, with combined capacities 12 exceeding the design load may be specified to operate 13 concurrently only if controls are provided that sequence or 14 otherwise optimally control the operation of each unit based on 15 load.

16 (e) For a single piece of equipment that has both heating 17 and cooling capability, only one function, either the heating or 18 the cooling, need meet the requirements of this section. 19 Capacity for the other function must be, within available 20 equipment options, the smallest size necessary to meet the load.

21 7670.0660 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 503: EQUIPMENT EFFICIENCY.

Subpart 1. Table No. 503.4.3. Table No. 503.4.3 of the Model Energy Code "HVAC System Heating Equipment - Gas- and Oil-Fired Minimum Steady State Combustion Efficiency" is amended by changing the requirement for forced-air furnaces and low-pressure steam or hot-water boilers for all other commercial or industrial furnaces and boilers to 80 percent.

Subp. 2. Table No. 503.4.8. Section 503 of the Model
Energy Code is amended by adding a table to read:
Table No. 503.4.8 -- Minimum EER and COP for Electrically
Driven Water Source Hydronic Heat Pumps¹

32	Size	under 19 kW	19 KW (65,000
33		(65,000 Btu/h)	Btu/h) and over
34	EER	9.0	9.4
35	COP	2.64	2.75
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¹When tested at the standard rating conditions specified in
 38 Table No. 503.4.6a.

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to read:

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1 Subp. 3. Efficiency requirements. HVAC system heating and 2 cooling equipment regulated by the National Appliance Energy 3 Conservation Act of 1987 must conform to the efficiency requirements of Standard RS-31 listed in chapter 7. 4 5 7670.0670 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 503.10: DUCT CONSTRUCTION. 6 Section 503.10.2 of the Model Energy Code is amended to 7 read: 8 503.10.2. For low pressure supply and return air ducts located outside of the conditioned space, all transverse joints 9 must be sealed using mastic, tape, or mastic and tape. For 10 fibrous glass ductwork, pressure sensitive tape may be used. 11 7670.0710 AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 504: SERVICE WATER HEATING. 12 Subpart 1. Time clocks. Section 504.5 of the Model Energy 13 14 Code is amended by deleting section 504.5.3. 15 Subp. 2. Pipe insulation. Section 504.7 of the Model Energy Code is amended by deleting the exception. 16 17 Subp. 3. Devices to limit temperature. Section 504.8.2 of 18 the Model Energy Code is amended by deleting section 504.8.2.2. 19 Subp. 4. Efficiency requirements. Service water heating 20 equipment regulated by the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 must conform to the efficiency 21 requirements of Standard RS-31 listed in chapter 7. 22 23 7670.0800 AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 505: ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTING. 24 Subpart 1. Electric energy determination. The exception 25 to section 505.2 of the Model Energy Code is amended to read: 26 27 EXCEPTION: Motels, hotels, college dormitories, other transient facilities, and buildings intended for occupancy 28 primarily by persons who are 62 years of age or older or 29 handicapped, or which contain a majority of units not equipped 30 31 with complete kitchen facilities. 32 Subp. 2. Lighting power budget. The lighting requirements of sections 505.3 and 505.4 of the Model Energy Code are amended 33

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1 The lighting power budget must be the upper limit of the 2 power to provide the lighting needs in accordance with the 1988 3 and 1989 criteria and calculation procedure specified in Standard RS-32 listed in chapter 7 (excluding section 3.2, 4 5 referencing equation 3.4-1 in section 3.1.6.2, and correcting the units of Interior Lighting Power Allowance in equation 3.5-3 6 to Watts), or using Standard RS-33 listed in chapter 7. 7 8 EXCEPTION: One- and two-family detached dwellings and the 9 dwelling portion of multifamily buildings. 7670.0850 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 600: DESIGN BY ACCEPTABLE 10 11 PRACTICE. 12 Section 601.1 of the Model Energy Code is amended by adding 13 a paragraph to read: 14 Buildings constructed in accordance with this section must 15 also comply with parts 7670.0470 to 7670.0800 as indicated below: Model Energy Code 16 Minnesota Rules Part 17 18 602.2 7670.0470, 7670.0480 19 602.2.4 7670.0500 20 602.2.6 7670.0510 21 7670.0550 602.3.2 22 603.1 7670.0610 23 603.2.1 7670.0660 24 603.4 7670.0670 25 604 7670.0710 7670.0800 605 26 7670.1000 AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 701: STANDARDS. 27 28 Section 701.1 of the Model Energy Code is amended by 29 replacing and adding the following code standard numbers to read: RS-1, 1989 ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals. 30 Α. 31 в. RS-3, ASHRAE Standard 62-1989, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality. 32 C. RS-4, ASHRAE Standard 55-1981 Thermal Environment 33 Conditions for Human Occupancy. 34 RS-17 and RS-18, SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction 35 D. 36 Standards: Metal and Flexible, First Edition, 1985. E. RS-23, Monthly Normals of Temperature, 37 Precipitation, and Heating and Cooling Degree Days 1951-80 38 Minnesota. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 39 September 1982. 40

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1 F. RS-24, Code of Federal Regulations, title 10, part 2 435.105, section 5.3.3.2.1(b), Calculation procedures for 3 parallel path correction factor method. 4 RS-25, Code of Federal Regulations, title 10, part G. 5 435.105, section 5.3.3.2.1(d), Calculation procedures for thermal bridges in Sheet Metal Construction. 6 RS-26, AAMA Standard 1503.1-88, Voluntary Test 7 H. 8 Method for Thermal Transmittance and Condensation of Windows, Doors and Glazed Wall Sections. 9 I. RS-27, ASTM C 236-87, Standard Test Method for 10 11 Steady State Performance of Building Assemblies by means of a Guarded Hot Box. 12 J. RS-28, ASTM C 976-82, Standard Test Method for 13 Steady State Performance of Building Assemblies by means of a 14 Calibrated Hot Box. 15 K. RS-29, WINDOW computer program. 16 L. RS-30, ASHRAE Standard 119-1988, Air Leakage 17 Performance for Detached Single-Family Residential Buildings. 18 M. RS-31, Code of Federal Regulations, title 10, part 19 430.32, Energy Conservation Standards. 20 RS-32, Code of Federal Regulations, title 10, part 21 N. 435.103, lighting. 22 O. RS-33, LTGSTD, lighting prescriptive and system 23 performance compliance calculation program. 24 Minnesota Rules, parts 7670.0110; 7670.0120; 25 REPEALER. 26 7670.0200; 7670.0210; 7670.0220; 7670.0300; 7670.0310; 7670.0320; 7670.0330; 7670.0340; 7670.0520; 7670.0540; 27 7670.0600; 7670.0620; 7670.0630; 7670.0640; 7670.0650; 28 7670.0700; 7670.0720; 7670.0730; 7670.0900; 7670.0910; 29 7670.0920; 7670.0930; 7670.0940; 7670.0950; 7670.0960; 30 7670.0970; 7670.1010; 7670.1020; 7670.1030; 7670.1100; and 31 7670.1110 are repealed. .32