D. a general analysis of the alternatives of no facility and delayed construction of the facility, which analysis shall include consideration of conservation and load management measures that could be used to reduce the need for the proposed facility.

The environmental report shall not be as exhaustive or detailed as an EIS and shall consider only those route differentiating factors identifiable pursuant to the information requirements of part ~~4220.2600~~ 7849.0260; and the report shall be reviewed in the manner provided in part 4410.7100, subparts 5 to 12.

Subp. 4. **Alternative review.** The PUC may request EQB approval of an alternative form of environmental review on a HVTL subject to parts 4410.7400 and 4410.7500. The EQB shall approve the governmental process as an alternative form of environmental review if the PUC demonstrates the process meets the following conditions:

[For text of items A to C, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. **Exemption.** If the EQB accepts the PUC's process as an adequate alternative environmental review procedure, the PUC is exempt from the requirements under part 4410.7500, subparts 1 to 3, for preparing an environmental report on an HVTL. On approval of the alternative review procedure, the EQB shall provide for periodic review of the procedure to ensure continuing compliance with the requirements and intent of the environmental report requirement. The EQB shall withdraw its approval if review indicates that the procedure no longer fulfills the intent and requirements of the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act and parts 4410.7400 and 4410.7500. A project in the process of undergoing review under an approved alternative review process shall not be affected by the EQB's withdrawal of approval.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 4410.7200; 4410.7300; 4410.7600; 4410.7700; and 4410.7800 are repealed.

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