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STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Proposed Rules Governing Specifications, Tolerances and Other Technical Requirements for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Equipment, Governing Packaged Commodities, and Governing Voluntary Registration in the Placing-In-Service Program.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

The above-entitled matter came on for review by the Chief Administrative Law Judge pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 14.15, subds. 3 and 4, which provide:

Subd. 3. Finding of substantial change. If the [administrative law judge's] report contains a finding that a rule has been modified in a way which makes it substantially different from that which was originally proposed, or that the agency has not met the requirements of sections 14.131 to 14.18, it shall be submitted to the chief administrative law judge for approval. If the chief administrative law judge approves the finding of the administrative law judge, the chief administrative law judge shall advise the agency and the revisor of statutes of actions which will correct the defects. The agency shall not adopt the rule until the chief administrative law judge determines that the defects have been corrected.

Subd. 4. <u>Need or reasonableness not established</u>. If the chief administrative law judge determines that the need for or reasonableness of the rule has not been established pursuant to section 14.14, subdivision 2, and if the agency does not elect to follow the suggested actions of the chief administrative law judge to correct that defect, then the agency shall submit the proposed rule to the legislative commission to review administrative rules for the commission's advice and comment. The agency shall not adopt the rule until it has received and considered the advice of the commission. However, the agency is not required to delay adoption longer than 30 days after the commission has received the