

**216B.38 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. MS 1974 [Renumbered subd 1a]

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purpose of sections 216B.37 to 216B.44 only, the following definitions shall apply.

Subd. 1a. [Renumbered subd 8]

Subd. 1b. **Assigned service area.** "Assigned service area" means the geographical area in which the boundaries are established as provided in section 216B.39.

Subd. 2. **Customer.** "Customer" means a person contracting for or purchasing electric service at retail from an electric utility.

Subd. 3. [Renumbered subd 4a]

Subd. 4. **Electric line.** "Electric line" means lines for conducting electric energy at a design voltage of 25,000 volts phase to phase or less used for distributing electric energy directly to customers at retail.

Subd. 4a. **Electric service.** "Electric service" means electric service furnished to a customer at retail for ultimate consumption, but does not include wholesale electric energy furnished by an electric utility to another electric utility for resale.

Subd. 5. **Electric utility.** "Electric utility" means persons, their lessees, trustees, and receivers, separately or jointly, now or hereafter operating, maintaining, or controlling in Minnesota equipment or facilities for providing electric service at retail and which fall within the definition of "public utility" in section 216B.02, subdivision 4, and includes facilities owned by a municipality or by a cooperative electric association.

Subd. 6. [Renumbered subd 1b]

Subd. 7. **Municipality.** "Municipality" means any city, however organized.

Subd. 8. **Person.** "Person" means a natural person, a partnership, a private corporation, a public corporation, a municipality, an association, a cooperative whether incorporated or not, a joint stock association, a business trust, any political subdivision or agency, or two or more persons having joint or common interest.

**History:** 1974 c 429 s 38; 1978 c 795 s 6