

**216L.12 EMERGENCY PERMITS.**

Subdivision 1. **Utility emergency action.** Any utility whose system requires the immediate construction of a large energy infrastructure facility due to a major unforeseen event may apply to the commission for an emergency permit. The application must provide notice in writing of the major unforeseen event and the need for immediate construction. The permit must be issued in a timely manner, no later than 195 days after the commission's acceptance of the application and upon a finding by the commission that (1) a demonstrable emergency exists, (2) the emergency requires immediate construction, and (3) adherence to the procedures and time schedules specified under this chapter jeopardizes the utility's electric power system or jeopardizes the utility's ability to meet the electric needs of the utility's customers in an orderly and timely manner.

Subd. 2. **Utility emergency procedures.** A public hearing to determine if an emergency exists must be held within 90 days of the application. The commission, after notice and hearing, must adopt rules specifying the criteria for emergency certification.

**History:** 2001 c 212 art 7 s 16; 2005 c 97 art 3 s 8; 2023 c 60 art 12 s 57; 2024 c 126 art 7 s 14; art 9 s 5; 2024 c 127 art 43 s 14; art 45 s 5