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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3994

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; modifying permitting process for certain pipelines; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216G.02, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216G.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. Permitting by other state agencies. (a) Other state agencies authorized to
1.8 issue permits to site, construct, or operate pipelines must present the agency's position
1.9 regarding a pipeline routing permit and participate in the public hearing process prior to the
1.10 issuance or denial of a pipeline routing permit. The decision whether to issue or deny a
1.11 pipeline routing permit is the sole and exclusive prerogative of the commission. The pipeline
1.12 routing permit issuance or denial is binding upon other state departments and agencies,
1.13 regional, county, and local governments, and special purpose government districts.

1.14 (b) Within 30 days of the date the commission issues an initial written order granting a
1.15 pipeline routing permit, the appropriate state agencies must make final decisions regarding
1.16 the permits required to site, construct, and operate a pipeline and associated facilities, as
1.17 defined in Minnesota Rules, part 7852.0100, subpart 7. The 30-day period under this
1.18 paragraph may be extended to ensure the agency has at least 60 days from the date a complete
1.19 permit application is received to make its final decision. A permit decision must include
1.20 the reasons for the decision, including any conditions under which the permit is issued, and
1.21 a final order granting the permit.