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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy Finance and Policy Division

March 9, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and placed on the Consent Calendar

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to utilities; modifying provisions for recording proceedings of Public
1.3 Utilities Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216A.03,
1.4 subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216A.03, subdivision 6, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Record of proceedings.** An audio magnetic or audio electronic recording
1.9 device shall be used to keep a record of all proceedings before the commission ~~unless the~~
1.10 ~~commission provides a hearing reporter to record the proceeding.~~

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.12 to read:

1.13 Subd. 6a. **Hearing reporter.** A magnetically or electronically recorded record is
1.14 not required if the commission requires a hearing reporter to record the proceeding. The
1.15 commission may delegate to the executive secretary authority to require hearing reporter
1.16 services. The cost of hearing reporter services thus required must be borne by the utility,
1.17 telephone company, or telecommunications carrier that is the subject of the proceeding.
1.18 If more than one company is the subject of a proceeding, the commission, or if the
1.19 commission so delegates the executive secretary, shall determine how the hearing reporter
1.20 costs are to be allocated for the proceeding.