

90.21	<b>ARTICLE 7</b>			
90.22	<b>CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE</b>			
90.23	Section 1. <b>APPROPRIATIONS.</b>			
90.24	The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies			
90.25	and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,			
90.26	or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.			
90.27	The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under			
90.28	them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.			
90.29	<u>"The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium"</u>			
90.30	<u>is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.</u>			
90.31	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
90.32	<b>Available for the Year</b>			
90.33	<b>Ending June 30</b>			
90.34	<b><u>2024</u>                    <u>2025</u></b>			
91.1	Sec. 2. <b>DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b>			
91.2	Subdivision 1. <b>Total Appropriation</b>	\$	<b>0</b>	\$ <b>1,000,000</b>
91.3	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>			
91.4	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>			
91.5	<u>subdivisions.</u>			
91.6	Subd. 2. <b>Advanced Nuclear Technologies Study</b>			
91.7	<u>\$300,000 the second year is for the advanced</u>			
91.8	<u>nuclear technologies study under article 9,</u>			
91.9	<u>section 37. This is a onetime appropriation.</u>			
91.10	Subd. 3. <b>Thermal Energy Network Site</b>			
91.11	<b>Suitability Study</b>			
91.12	<u>\$500,000 the second year is for the thermal</u>			
91.13	<u>energy network site suitability study under</u>			
91.14	<u>article 9, section 39. This is a onetime</u>			
91.15	<u>appropriation.</u>			

108.28	<b>ARTICLE 9</b>			
108.29	<b>GENERAL FUND ENERGY APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
108.30	Section 1. <b>APPROPRIATIONS.</b>			
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109.2	and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,			
109.3	or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.			
109.4	The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under			
109.5	them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively.			
109.6	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
109.7	<b>Available for the Year</b>			
109.8	<b>Ending June 30</b>			
109.9	<b><u>2024</u>                    <u>2025</u></b>			
109.10	Sec. 2. <b>DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b>	\$	<del>-0-</del>	\$ <b>1,133,000</b>
109.11	<u>(a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for a study</u>			
109.12	<u>to identify suitable sites statewide for the</u>			
109.13	<u>installation of thermal energy networks. This</u>			
109.14	<u>is a onetime appropriation and is available</u>			
109.15	<u>until December 31, 2025.</u>			

91.16 Subd. 4. **Nuclear Generated Hydrogen;**  
91.17 **Feasibility Study**  
  
91.18 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to the  
91.19 University of Minnesota Energy Transition  
91.20 Lab to perform a feasibility study on the use  
91.21 of hydrogen produced by nuclear power plants  
91.22 in Minnesota for manufacturing, refining,  
91.23 agricultural, transportation, and other  
91.24 purposes. The study must evaluate the  
91.25 potential economic benefits accrued from the  
91.26 use and potential sale of hydrogen, as well as  
91.27 any reductions to carbon emissions that may  
91.28 result from increased hydrogen and nuclear  
91.29 power use. The results of the feasibility study  
91.30 must be submitted to the commissioner of  
91.31 commerce and to the house of representatives  
91.32 and senate committees with jurisdiction over  
91.33 energy policy no later than January 1, 2026.

109.16 (b) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for transfer  
109.17 to the SolarAPP+ program account established  
109.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.48,  
109.19 for the awarding of incentives to local units  
109.20 of government that deploy federally developed  
109.21 software to automate the review of  
109.22 applications and issuance of permits for  
109.23 residential solar projects. Incentives may only  
109.24 be awarded to local units of government  
109.25 located outside the electric service territory of  
109.26 the public utility required to make payments  
109.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779,  
109.28 subdivision 1. This is a onetime transfer and  
109.29 is available until June 30, 2028.  
  
109.30 (c) \$133,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for  
109.31 participation in a Minnesota Public Utilities  
109.32 Commission proceeding to review electric  
109.33 transmission line owners' plans to deploy  
109.34 grid-enhancing technologies and issue an order  
109.35 to implement the plans. The base in fiscal year  
109.36 2026 is \$265,000 and the base in fiscal year  
110.1 2027 is \$265,000. The base in fiscal year 2028  
110.2 is \$0.

91.34 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
92.1 16B.98, subdivision 14, the commissioner of  
92.2 commerce may use up to one percent of the  
92.3 appropriation to administer the grant. This is  
92.4 a onetime appropriation.

92.5    Sec. 3. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**                 \$                 0 \$                 39,000

92.6    \$39,000 the second year is for the thermal  
92.7 energy network deployment work group under  
92.8 article 9, section 38. The base budget for this  
92.9 appropriation is \$39,000 in fiscal year 2026  
92.10 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027.

92.11    Sec. 4. **GRANT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING.**

92.12    (a) By July 1, 2024, the commissioner of commerce shall report to the chairs and ranking  
92.13 minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance  
92.14 and policy the anticipated costs for administering each named grant and competitive grant

110.3    Sec. 3. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**                 \$                 ~~-0-~~ \$                 433,000

110.4    (a) \$39,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for support  
110.5 of the Thermal Energy Network Deployment  
110.6 Workgroup and preparation of a report. The  
110.7 base in fiscal year 2026 is \$77,000, and the  
110.8 base in fiscal year 2027 is \$0.

110.9    (b) \$117,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for review  
110.10 of electric transmission line owners' plans to  
110.11 deploy grid-enhancing technologies and  
110.12 development of a commission order to  
110.13 implement approved plans. The base in fiscal  
110.14 year 2026 is \$157,000 and the base in fiscal  
110.15 year 2027 is \$157,000. The base in fiscal year  
110.16 2028 is \$0.

110.17 (c) \$111,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for  
110.18 conducting a proceeding to develop a  
110.19 cost-sharing mechanism enabling developers  
110.20 of distributed generation projects to pay  
110.21 utilities to expand distribution line capacity in  
110.22 order to interconnect to the grid. The base in  
110.23 fiscal year 2026 is \$111,000 and the base in  
110.24 fiscal year 2027 is \$77,000. The base in fiscal  
110.25 year 2028 is \$0.

110.26 (d) \$166,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for  
110.27 participating in Public Utilities Commission  
110.28 proceedings to issue site and route permits for  
110.29 electric power facilities under revised  
110.30 administrative procedures. The base in fiscal  
110.31 year 2026 and thereafter is \$121,000.

92.15 program in Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, and Laws 2023, chapter 60, article  
92.16 11, section 2.

92.17 (b) Within 90 days after each named grantee has fulfilled the obligations of their grant  
92.18 agreement, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of  
92.19 the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy on the final  
92.20 cost for administering each named grant included in paragraph (a), and for each named  
92.21 grant in articles 7 and 8 of this act.

92.22 (c) By January 15, 2025, and each year thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the  
92.23 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over  
92.24 energy finance and policy on the annual cost for administering each competitive grant  
92.25 program included in paragraph (a), and for each competitive grant program enacted in  
92.26 articles 8 and 9 of this act.