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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **904**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; adding definitions pertaining to propane; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2014, sections 216B.02, by adding subdivisions; 216B.2421, subdivision
1.4 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.02, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 3a. **Propane.** "Propane" means a nonsynthetic gas made of short hydrocarbon
1.9 chains, containing primarily propane and butane, and stored in liquid form in specialized
1.10 tanks at moderate pressure. Propane is not liquefied natural gas or synthetic gas.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.12 to read:

1.13 Subd. 3b. **Propane storage facility.** "Propane storage facility" means a facility
1.14 designed to store or capable of storing liquid-form propane in specialized tanks. Propane
1.15 storage facility does not include a facility designed to store liquefied natural gas, synthetic
1.16 gas, or anhydrous ammonia.

1.17 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.18 to read:

1.19 Subd. 6b. **Synthetic gas.** "Synthetic gas" means flammable gas created from (1)
1.20 gaseous, liquid, or solid hydrocarbons, or (2) other organic or inorganic matter. Synthetic
1.21 gas includes hydrogen or methane produced at a conversion plant, but does not include
1.22 propane.

2.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.2421, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 2. **Large energy facility.** "Large energy facility" means:

2.3 (1) any electric power generating plant or combination of plants at a single site with
2.4 a combined capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or more and transmission lines directly associated
2.5 with the plant that are necessary to interconnect the plant to the transmission system;

2.6 (2) any high-voltage transmission line with a capacity of 200 kilovolts or more and
2.7 greater than 1,500 feet in length;

2.8 (3) any high-voltage transmission line with a capacity of 100 kilovolts or more with
2.9 more than ten miles of its length in Minnesota or that crosses a state line;

2.10 (4) any pipeline greater than six inches in diameter and having more than 50 miles of
2.11 its length in Minnesota used for the transportation of coal, crude petroleum or petroleum
2.12 fuels or oil, or their derivatives;

2.13 (5) any pipeline for transporting natural or synthetic gas at pressures in excess of
2.14 200 pounds per square inch with more than 50 miles of its length in Minnesota;

2.15 (6) any facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site more than 100,000
2.16 gallons of liquefied natural gas or synthetic gas, excluding propane storage facilities;

2.17 (7) any underground gas storage facility requiring a permit pursuant to section
2.18 103I.681;

2.19 (8) any nuclear fuel processing or nuclear waste storage or disposal facility; and

2.20 (9) any facility intended to convert any material into any other combustible fuel and
2.21 having the capacity to process in excess of 75 tons of the material per hour.