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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to energy; eliminating the size limitation on hydropower sources that
 1.3 may satisfy the renewable energy standard; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,
 1.4 section 216B.1691, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.1691, subdivision 1, is amended to
 1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) Unless otherwise specified in law, "eligible energy
 1.9 technology" means an energy technology that generates electricity from the following
 1.10 renewable energy sources:

1.11 (1) solar;

1.12 (2) wind;

1.13 (3) hydroelectric ~~with a capacity of less than 100 megawatts;~~

1.14 (4) hydrogen, provided that after January 1, 2010, the hydrogen must be generated
 1.15 from the resources listed in this paragraph; or

1.16 (5) biomass, which includes, without limitation, landfill gas; an anaerobic digester
 1.17 system; the predominantly organic components of wastewater effluent, sludge, or related
 1.18 by-products from publicly owned treatment works, but not including incineration of
 1.19 wastewater sludge to produce electricity; and an energy recovery facility used to capture
 1.20 the heat value of mixed municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel from mixed municipal
 1.21 solid waste as a primary fuel.

1.22 (b) "Electric utility" means a public utility providing electric service, a generation
 1.23 and transmission cooperative electric association, a municipal power agency, or a power
 1.24 district.

2.1 (c) "Total retail electric sales" means the kilowatt-hours of electricity sold in a year
2.2 by an electric utility to retail customers of the electric utility or to a distribution utility
2.3 for distribution to the retail customers of the distribution utility. ~~"Total retail electric~~
2.4 ~~sales" does not include the sale of hydroelectricity supplied by a federal power marketing~~
2.5 ~~administration or other federal agency, regardless of whether the sales are directly to a~~
2.6 ~~distribution utility or are made to a generation and transmission utility and pooled for~~
2.7 ~~further allocation to a distribution utility.~~