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2.1 an adjustment. The commissioner may not approve a plan that provides for an annual
2.2 energy-savings goal of less than one percent of gross annual retail energy sales from
2.3 energy conservation improvements.

2.4 A utility or association may include in its energy conservation plan energy savings
2.5 from electric utility infrastructure projects approved by the commission under section
2.6 216B.1636 or waste heat recovery converted into electricity projects ~~that may count as~~
2.7 ~~energy savings in addition to the minimum energy-savings goal of at least one percent for~~
2.8 ~~energy conservation improvements.~~ Electric utility infrastructure projects must result in
2.9 increased energy efficiency greater than that which would have occurred through normal
2.10 maintenance activity.

2.11 (e) An energy-savings goal is not satisfied by attaining the revenue expenditure
2.12 requirements of subdivisions 1a and 1b, but can only be satisfied by meeting the
2.13 energy-savings goal established in this subdivision. If energy savings of 1.5 percent are
2.14 attained in a plan year, the revenue expenditure requirement is deemed satisfied and no
2.15 further expenditures are required for that plan year.

2.16 (f) An association or utility is not required to make energy conservation investments
2.17 to attain the energy-savings goals of this subdivision that are not cost-effective even
2.18 if the investment is necessary to attain the energy-savings goals. For the purpose of
2.19 this paragraph, in determining cost-effectiveness, the commissioner shall consider the
2.20 costs and benefits to ratepayers, the utility, participants, and society. In addition, the
2.21 commissioner shall consider the rate at which an association or municipal utility is
2.22 increasing its energy savings and its expenditures on energy conservation.

2.23 (g) On an annual basis, the commissioner shall produce and make publicly available
2.24 a report on the annual energy savings and estimated carbon dioxide reductions achieved
2.25 by the energy conservation improvement programs for the two most recent years for
2.26 which data is available. The commissioner shall report on program performance both in
2.27 the aggregate and for each entity filing an energy conservation improvement plan for
2.28 approval or review by the commissioner.

2.29 ~~(h) By January 15, 2010, the commissioner shall report to the legislature whether~~
2.30 ~~the spending requirements under subdivisions 1a and 1b are necessary to achieve the~~
2.31 ~~energy-savings goals established in this subdivision.~~