A bill for an act

relating to energy; requiring certain amount of solar-produced energy under renewable energy standard; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 216B.1691, subdivision 2a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 216B.1691, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **Eligible energy technology standard.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), each electric utility shall generate or procure sufficient electricity generated by an eligible energy technology to provide its retail customers in Minnesota, or the retail customers of a distribution utility to which the electric utility provides wholesale electric service, so that at least the following standard percentages of the electric utility's total retail electric sales to retail customers in Minnesota are generated by eligible energy technologies by the end of the year indicated:

(1)	2012	12 percent
(2)	2016	17 percent
(3)	2020	20 percent
(4)	2025	25 percent.

(b) An electric utility that owned a nuclear generating facility as of January 1, 2007, must meet the requirements of this paragraph rather than paragraph (a). An electric utility subject to this paragraph must generate or procure sufficient electricity generated by an eligible energy technology to provide its retail customers in Minnesota or the retail customer of a distribution utility to which the electric utility provides wholesale electric service so that at least the following percentages of the electric utility's total retail electric

sales to retail customers in Minnesota are generated by eligible energy technologies by the end of the year indicated:

(1)	2010	15 percent
(2)	2012	18 percent
(3)	2016	25 percent
(4)	2020	30 percent.

Of the 30 percent in 2020, at least 25 percent must be generated by wind energy conversion systems and the remaining five percent by other eligible energy technology.

(c) By the end of the year 2012, at least 0.0125 percent of the electricity required by paragraphs (a) and (b) to be generated by each electric utility must be generated by solar energy. At least 80 percent of the required solar energy electric generation by each utility must be generated at a customer's site with customer-owned facilities. The commission may not delay or modify the solar energy requirement of this paragraph under authority of subdivision 2b, paragraph (a), clause (1).