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116A.24 PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

local government unit and the commissioners of highways and natural resources are authorized to convey to or permit the use of any such facilities owned or controlled by it by the board or commission, subject to the rights of the holders of any bonds issued with respect thereto, with or without compensation, without an election or approval by any other government agency. The board or commission may hold such property for its purposes, and may lease any such property so far as not needed for its purposes, upon such terms and in such manner as it shall deem advisable. Unless otherwise provided, the right to acquire lands and property rights by condemnation shall be exercised in accordance with sections 117.011 to 117.232, and shall apply to any property or interest therein owned by any local government unit; provided, that no such property devoted to an actual public use at the time, or held to be devoted to such use within a reasonable time, shall be so acquired unless a court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that the use proposed by the commission is paramount to such use. Except in case of property in actual public use, the board or commission may take possession of any property for which condemnation proceedings have been commenced at any time after the issuance of a court order appointing commissioners for its condemnation.

(g) Contract with the United States or any agency thereof, any state or agency thereof, or any local government unit or governmental agency or subdivision, for the joint use of any facility owned by the board or such entity, for the operation by such entity of any system or facility of the board, or for the performance on the board's behalf of any service, on such terms as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1974]

Subd. 4. A commission appointed to construct, operate, and maintain any system pursuant to this section, when authorized by order of the county board or, in the case of a multi-county system, by orders of the county boards of all counties containing areas served by the system, filed with and confirmed by order of the district court, may exercise to the extent provided in the orders, within the area served by the system and any extensions thereof, or, if a district has been formed under section 116A.02, subdivision 4, within the district, all powers granted in this chapter to county boards and the court for the financing of the construction, improvement, extension, operation, and maintenance of the system, including the power to levy taxes upon all taxable property within such area, to assess benefits and damages, and to issue general obligation bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the commission, supported by an irrevocable pledge of its power to tax such property, without limitation of rate or amount and without affecting the amount of debt to be incurred or taxes levied by any county or other political subdivision. Such authorization shall be irrevocable so long as any indebtedness of the commission is outstanding.

[1975 c 294 s 12-14]

CHAPTER 116C. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

Sec.
116C.05 Citizens advisory committee.

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Subdivision 1. There is established a citizens advisory committee composed of one resident from each congressional district and three members at large as a vehicle for citizen participation in the activities of the council. The governor shall appoint the members of the citizens advisory committee, and the committee annually shall elect one of their members to serve as chairman. The committee shall expire and the terms, compensation, and removal of mem-

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bers shall be as provided in section 15.059.

Subd. 2. The duties and functions of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) To hold meetings throughout the state as it deems necessary for the purpose of gathering information on public and private opinions concerning the adequacy of the state's environmental quality policies and the extent to which these policies are being implemented;

(b) To meet with the environmental quality council at least four times a year at approximately three month intervals, to give advice and counsel to the council on the basis of the information gathered pursuant to (a).

[1975 c 204 s 73; 1975 c 315 s 24]

CHAPTER 116D. STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Sec.
116D.04 Environmental impact statements.

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[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1974]

Subd. 3. Upon the filing with the council of a petition of not less than 500 persons requesting an environmental impact statement on a particular action, the council shall review those petitions deemed by the council to involve potential for significant environmental effects or to concern an action of more than local significance and, where there is material evidence of the need for an environmental review, require the preparation of an environmental impact statement in accordance with provisions of this section.

[1975 c 204 s 74]

[For text of subs 4 to 9, see M.S.1974]

CHAPTER 116H. MINNESOTA ENERGY AGENCY

Sec.
116H.02 Definitions.
116H.10 Forecasts, statistics and information.

Sec.
116H.12 Energy conservation.
116H.13 Certificate of need.

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[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1974]

Subd. 5. "Large energy facility" means any electric power generating plant or combination of plants at a single site with a combined capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or more, any high voltage transmission line with a capacity of 200 kilovolts or more and having more than 100 miles of its length in Minnesota, any facility on a single site designed for or capable of storing more than one million gallons of crude petroleum or petroleum fuels or oil or derivatives thereof, any pipeline greater than six inches in diameter and having more than 50 miles of its length in Minnesota used for the transportation of crude petroleum or petroleum fuels or oil or derivatives thereof, any pipeline for transporting natural or synthetic gas at pressures in excess of 200 pounds per square inch and having more than 50 miles of its length in Minnesota, any facility designed for or capable of storing on a single site more than 100,000 gallons of liquified natural gas or synthetic gas, any underground gas storage facility requiring a permit pursuant to section 84.57, any facility designed or