Overview

Exempts from property tax an electric utility peaking facility provided it meets specific requirements. The facility is proposed to be constructed in Martin County. Effective for taxes payable in 2000 and thereafter.

1 **Property exemption.** Exempts certain electric utility property from ad valorem taxation. Provides that attached machinery and other personal property that is part of a simple-cycle combustion-turbine electric generation facility that exceeds 250 megawatts of installed capacity is exempt from property taxation if it meets all of the following criteria:
- (i) not owned by a public utility as defined in section 216B.02, subdivision 4;
- (ii) utilize natural gas as a primary fuel;
- (iii) be located within 20 miles of the intersection of an existing 42-inch natural gas pipeline and a 345-kilovolt high-voltage electric transmission line; and
- (iv) be designed to provide peaking, emergency backup, or contingency services, and has received a certificate of need under section 216B.243 demonstrating demand for its capacity.

Construction of the facility must be commenced after July 1, 1999, and before July 1, 2003. The exemption under this section does not include electric transmission lines and interconnections or gas pipelines and interconnections appurtenant to the property or the facility.

The property tax exemption in this section is specifically for a gas peaking facility being proposed in Martin County.

2 **Effective date.** Provides that section 1 is effective for taxes levied in 1999, payable in 2000, and thereafter.