

**7853.0010 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply.

Subp. 2. **Commission.** "Commission" means the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Subp. 3. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means the person or persons submitting a certificate of need application.

Subp. 4. **Application.** "Application" means a document submitted by a person or persons to the commission for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of need, the contents of which are described in this chapter.

Subp. 5. **Barrel.** "Barrel" means that quantity of liquid that is equal to 42 gallons.

Subp. 6. **Btu.** "Btu" means British thermal unit, a common unit of energy measurement that is used in this chapter for comparative purposes.

Subp. 7. **Construction.** "Construction" means significant physical alteration of a site to install or enlarge a large energy facility, but not including activities incident to preliminary engineering or environmental studies.

Subp. 8. **Demand.** "Demand" means that quantity of a petroleum product from the applicant's facilities for which there are willing and able purchasers, or the burden placed upon the applicant's interim storage facilities and production processes resulting therefrom.

Subp. 9. **Forecast.** "Forecast" means a prediction of future demand for some specified time period.

Subp. 10. **Forecast years.** "Forecast years" means the 16-year period consisting of the year in which an application is filed plus the next 15 years.

Subp. 11. **Joint application.** "Joint application" means an application submitted to the commission by two or more persons.

Subp. 12. **Large LPG storage facility.** "Large LPG storage facility" means a facility on a single site designed for or capable of storing more than 100,000 gallons of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

Subp. 13. [Repealed, 26 SR 1438]

Subp. 14. **Large petroleum pipeline.** "Large petroleum pipeline" means a 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 their derivatives, or a pipeline for transporting synthetic gas at pressures in excess of 200 pounds per square inch with more than 50 miles of its length in Minnesota.

Subp. 15. **Liquefied petroleum gas; LPG.** "Liquefied petroleum gas" or "LPG" means synthetic gas, consisting mostly of hydrocarbons, stored or transported as a liquid.

Subp. 16. **Mbpd-mile.** "Mbpd-mile" means a descriptive unit used as a measure of the size of a pipeline, the quantity of which is determined by multiplying:

A. either the length in miles of the new (section of) pipeline in Minnesota, or 50 if the capacity expansion is achieved by adding power; and

B. the new or additional design capacity in thousand barrels per day (Mbpd), at a viscosity of 100 SSU/60 degrees Fahrenheit and a specific gravity of .88/60 degrees Fahrenheit.

If the pipeline capacity would be expanded by a combination of looping and adding power, the Mbpd-mile corresponding to each method of expansion shall be calculated and the sum of the two shall be the size of the pipeline.

Subp. 17. **Oil refinery.** "Oil refinery" means any facility on a single site that processes crude or synthetic crude oil for the purpose of separating it into marketable products.

Subp. 18. **Peak day.** "Peak day" means that day during a calendar year when the throughput is the greatest.

Subp. 19. **Peak demand.** "Peak demand" means the highest demand for a petroleum product occurring within a designated period of time.

Subp. 20. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, joint stock company, unincorporated association or society, municipal corporation, or a government or governmental subdivision, unit, or agency other than a court of law.

Subp. 21. **Petroleum supplier.** "Petroleum supplier" means a petroleum refinery in the state and any entity engaged in transmission or wholesale distribution of more than 100,000 gallons of crude petroleum or petroleum fuels or oil or their derivatives or LPG annually in this state.

Subp. 22. **Substantially complete application.** "Substantially complete application" means an application that is deemed by the commission to be in substantial compliance with the informational requirements of this chapter.

Subp. 23. **Synthetic gas.** "Synthetic gas" means flammable gas created from gaseous liquid, or solid hydrocarbons, or other organic or inorganic matter. Synthetic gas shall include ethane, propane, butane, or their mixtures, whether extracted from gas streams lifted from oil and gas wells or produced at refineries or fuel conversion plants. It shall also include hydrogen or methane produced at conversion plants.

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