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Department of Commerce Restrictions On Deficiency Judgments, Minnesota Property Exemption and Minnesota Homestead Exemption Adjustment of Dollar Amounts

The amount of a deficiency judgment found in *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 325G.22, property exempt from creditor collection action in *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 550.37, and the homestead exemption in *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 510.02 will increase 10% effective July 1, 2010. These statutes require that the dollar amounts be adjusted in even numbered years based on a percentage change in the Implicit Price Deflator for the Gross National Product.

The statute requires that the percentage of change in the reference base index be 10% or more in order to adjust the dollar amounts. The portion of the percentage change in the index in excess of a multiple of ten percent is to be disregarded, and dollar amounts shall change only in multiples of ten percent. Information obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, indicates the percentage change from the revised reference base to be 122% calculated to the nearest whole percentage point as required. The index for December 1980 is the reference base index for adjustments, with 1972=100. The index was revised nationally to 2005=100. The index for December 1980 is 49.529, increasing to 109.917 in December 2009, for a change of 121.92%, when rounded to the nearest whole percentage point is 122%. Indexed dollar amounts have increased by 110% in prior years, and will increase 10% effective July 1, 2010, with the new amounts listed on the following chart.

The history of dollar amounts at various dates is available by reviewing prior official notices, or within the Commerce Department's web site www.commerce.state.mn.us. The original and current dollar amounts are as follows:

	Original	7-1-10 10% increase
Chapter 325G		
Credit extended <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 325G.22, subd. 1	\$3,000	\$6,600
Chapter 550		
Personal goods <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 4	\$4,500	\$9,900
Wedding rings (effective 6-3-05) <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 4	\$1,225	\$2,695
Business <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 6	\$5,000	\$11,000
Insurance benefits Add'l dependent ins. benefits <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 10	\$20,000 \$5,000	\$44,000 \$11,000
Motor vehicle Modified for disability Minimum cost of modification <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 12a	\$2,000 \$20,000 \$1,500	\$4,400 \$44,000 \$3,300
Accrued interest <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 23	\$4,000	\$8,800

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Employee benefits <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 24	\$30,000	\$66,000
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Chapter 510

Homestead exemption <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 510.02, subd. 1	\$300,000	\$360,000
Homestead for agricultural purposes <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 510.02, subd. 1	\$750,000	\$900,000

The next published adjustment is scheduled on or before April 30, 2012, for July 1, 2012 based on the December 2011 index.

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Department of Commerce

Office of Energy Security

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

Decisions on MEP-I, LLC and MEP-II, LLC's Proposed Mesaba IGCC Power Station Project: Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy, Designation of Sites and Routes Associated with Large Electric Power Generating Plant (LEPGP) Site Permit, a High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) Routing Permit and a Pipeline (Partial Exemption) Routing Permit. PUC Docket No. E6472/GS-06-668

At its regular meeting on March 4, 2010, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Impact Statement and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision.

The Commission also designated a LEPGP site, HVTL routes and a Pipeline route, and issued the appropriate site/route permits.

MEP-I LLC and MEP-II LLC are proposing to construct and operate a fuel-flexible Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) power plant. The proposed power plant will be constructed in two phases; each phase will be capable of producing approximately 600 MW (net) of baseload power.

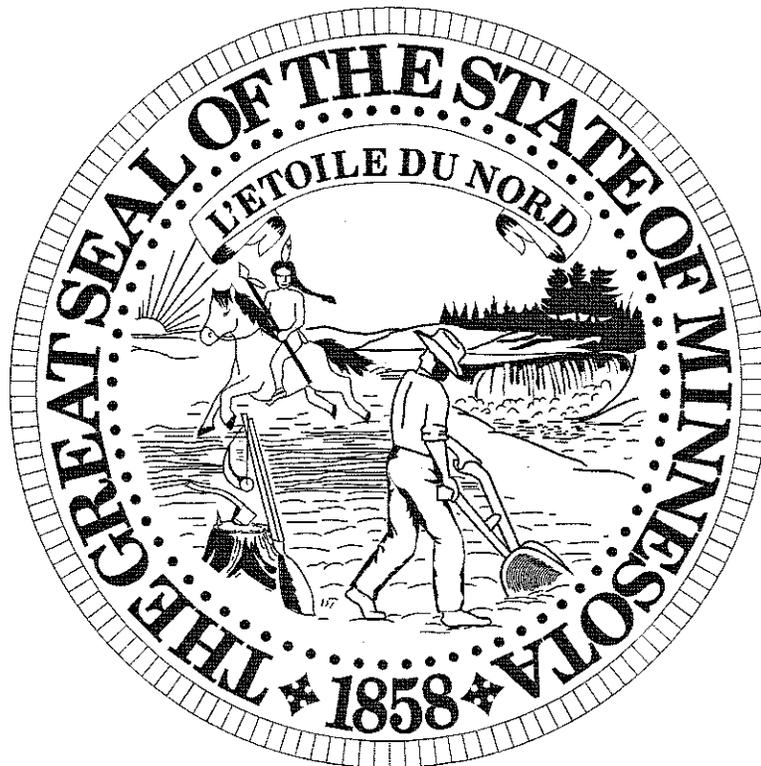
In the E-Gas™ process, coal, petroleum coke, or blends of coal and petroleum coke are crushed, slurried with water, and pumped into a pressurized vessel (the gasifier) along with purified amounts of oxygen. In the gasifier, controlled reactions take place, thermally converting feedstock materials into a gaseous fuel known as synthetic gas, or syngas. The syngas is cooled, cleaned of contaminants, and then combusted in a combustion turbine (CT), which is directly connected to an electric generator. The assembly of the CT and generator is known as a combustion turbine generator (CTG). The expansion of hot combustion gases inside the CT creates rotational energy that spins the generator and produces electricity. The hot exhaust gases exiting the CTG pass through a heat recovery steam generator (HRSG), a type of boiler, where steam is produced. The resulting steam is piped to a steam turbine that is connected to an electric generator. The expansion of steam inside the steam turbine spins the generator to produce an additional amount of electricity. When a CTG and a steam turbine generator (STG) are operated in tandem at one location to produce electricity, the combination of equipment is referred to as a combined cycle electric power plant. Combining the gasification process with the combined cycle design is known as integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC).

When both phases are completed, each of the two power blocks will consist of two CTG (approximately 220 MW each) and one STG (approximately 300 MW). Two E-Gas gasification trains will supply the CTGs with Syngas. Power generated from the project will be interconnected to the regional electrical grid via high voltage transmission lines, at the Blackberry substation.

Inquiries about this project should be directed to the DOC project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) or the public adviser, (Cite 34 SR 1461)

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