

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Merchant Line Timeline

- This bill revises the merchant line franchise timeline requirements of having Iowa Utilities Board approval within three-years of application to only those constructed above ground.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 478.6A)

Revises the merchant line franchise timeline requirements to only apply to those that are constructed above ground.

“Merchant line” is defined as “high-voltage direct current electric transmission line which does not provide for the erection of the electric substations at intervals of less than fifty miles, which substations are necessary to accommodate both the purchase and sale to persons located in this state of electricity generated or transmitted by the franchise.”

Amendment Analysis

H-1248 by Kaufmann – Adds an applicability section to have this bill apply to petitions submitted after September 1, 2020. This amendment does revise the title.