

476A.2 Certificate required.

1. Commencing January 1, 1977, a person shall not commence to construct a facility except as provided in [section 476A.9](#) unless a certificate for the facility has been issued by the commission. [This subchapter](#) shall not apply to persons who prior to July 1, 1976:

- a. Have acquired a site for a facility; and,
- b. Have publicly announced the intention to construct a facility; and,
- c. Have let contracts for major components of a facility.

2. Any significant alteration, as determined by the commission, in the location, construction, maintenance, or operation of a facility whether constructed before or after July 1, 1976, shall require an application for an amendment to a certificate or a certificate, whichever is appropriate. “*Significant alteration*” shall include but shall not be limited to a change in the type of fuel used by the major electric generating facility.

3. Any person required to obtain a certificate or an amendment to a certificate shall construct, operate and maintain the facility according to the terms of the certificate and any amendments to the certificate. A certificate shall only be issued pursuant to [this subchapter](#).

4. [This subchapter](#) shall not apply to an electric power generating plant, or combination of plants at a single site, with a total capacity of more than twenty-five but less than one hundred megawatts of electricity if the owner or operator prior to January 1, 1990, has met all of the following conditions:

- a. Acquired a site for the facility.
- b. Publicly announced the intention to construct a facility at that site.
- c. Let contracts for major components of the facility.

[C77, 79, 81, §476A.2]

[90 Acts, ch 1252, §42; 2001 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 4, §35, 36; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)