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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
REORGANIZATION ORDER NUMBER 60

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 16.125, 16.13 and 16.135 the following administrative reorganization shall take place on the effective date of this order.

These positions and appropriation transfers relate to changes in program budgeting. The program budget preparation will be the responsibility of the Department of Finance.

The following three vacant positions of the Department of Administration (Appropriation Account 16000:50-10, AID 050930) are transferred to the Department of Finance (Appropriation Account 11000:21-10, AID 872358). The amount of appropriation transferred is based on an annual salary of \$16,000 including fringe plus the amount appropriated for printing.

<u>Position Number</u>	<u>Amount Transferred</u>	
	<u>FY 76</u>	<u>FY 77</u>
000450	\$7,725	\$16,000
000480	7,725	16,000
002650	7,725	16,000
 <u>Printing</u>	 4,500	 8,500
 <u>Totals</u>	 \$27,675	 \$56,500

The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to complete these transfers.

This order is effective January 7, 1976.

1-7-76  
Date

Approved:

1-7-76  
Date

Richard L. Brubacher  
Richard L. Brubacher, Commissioner  
Department of Administration

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Wendell R. Anderson, Governor  
Secretary of State

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#### ETHICAL PRACTICES BOARD ISSUES ADVISORY OPINIONS

The State Ethical Practices Board (formerly Ethics Commission) has issued Advisory Opinions # 28 and # 29, both of which deal with whether persons representing applicant-utilities during transmission line hearings before the Environmental Quality Council or certificate of need hearings before the Energy Agency are required to register as lobbyists. The opinion of the Board, in both instances, is that lobbyist registration is not required. The Board cited the same statute and the same rules on lobbyist registration and reporting as reasons why such persons would not have to register as lobbyists. Advisory Opinion # 28 was issued to Peter Vanderpoel, Chairman of the EQC, and Opinion # 29 was issued to John Millhone, Director of the Energy Agency.

The Board noted, however, that it does have the "power to 'specify' that individuals who appear at administrative proceedings, other than rate-setting and power plant siting proceedings, are lobbyists if they otherwise fit the definition of lobbyists." The Board also said, "There is no question that individuals who appear at actual power plant siting proceedings fit the definition of lobbyist and are not exempted, assuming that they otherwise qualify as lobbyists."

#### REORGANIZATION ORDERS FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

Three Reorganization Orders have been filed with the Secretary of State, all signed by Governor Wendell Anderson and Richard Brubacher, Commissioner of Administration. Reorganization Order # 60 transfers the program budget preparation function from the Department of Administration to the Department of Finance and also transfers three positions (all vacant), as well as appropriations of \$26,675 for fiscal year 1976 and \$56,500 for fiscal year 1977, to the Department of Finance. The Order became effective January 7th.

Reorganization Order # 62 transfers 32 positions, formerly in the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, to the Governor's Manpower Office. (The Governor had previously transferred functions in Executive Order # 125). The Reorganization Order also noted that the Department of Public Welfare will continue to maintain the records and budget for the Office of Economic Opportunity until June 30th, 1977, but that the budget preparation and request for the 1977-79 biennium will be presented by the Governor's Manpower Office. The Order became effective March 3rd.

Reorganization Order # 63 transfers the authority of the Office of the Hearing Examiner to hold hearings on contested cases, in which an applicant, recipient, or county is entitled to a hearing before the state relative to programs of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medical Assistance, Food Stamps, General Relief, Medical General Assistance and Minnesota Supplemental Aid, to the Department of Public Welfare. The Order became effective January 1st, although it was signed on March 4th by Commissioner Brubacher and on March 5th by the Governor.

#### EDUCATION NAMES PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR DEAF/BLIND PROJECT 89-313

The Department of Education has named Sam Richardson Project Director for the Deaf/Blind Project 89-313. Richardson will be responsible for budget administration of all Federal Title I and Title VI funds for educational programs for deaf and blind children and young adults in the state. Richardson said he will be taking a look at several programs started in school districts as well as programs offered in state institutions and noted that his duties will be coordinated with the proposed assimilation of the state schools for the deaf and blind into the Department when they are transferred from the Department of Public Welfare. Richardson assumed his new duties February 1st. He has been working in the Equal Education Opportunity Section.