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§ 73.71 Bidding.

(a) *Who may participate in the auctions.* Any person may participate in the auctions by submitting a bid or bids pursuant to this section.

(b) *Bidding.* Sealed bids shall be sent to the Administrator using the Bid Form for SO₂ Allowance Auctions, or some method of electronic transfer if the Administrator, following public notice, so requires or permits at some future time. The bid form shall state:

(1) The number of allowances sought and the price;

(2) Whether spot or advance allowances are sought;

(3) Allowance Tracking System account number;

(4) Whether the bidder is willing to purchase fewer allowances than the number of allowances stated in (b)(1) of this section if the full amount is not available. Where the bidder holds no Allowance Tracking System account, a New Account/New Authorized Account Representative Form must accompany the bid. New account information shall include at a minimum: Name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, organization or company name (if applicable), type of organization, and the authorized account representative for purposes of the account.

(c) *Payment.* Each bid must include a certified check or letter of credit for the total bid price, or may specify a method of electronic transfer or other method of payment, if the Administrator, following public notice, so requires or permits at some future time. The certified check should be made payable to the U.S. EPA. To meet the requirements of this paragraph bidders must submit a completed SO₂ Allowance Auction Letter of Credit Form. If such Form is used, the Administrator must receive full payment for allowances awarded at the auctions, either by wire transfer or certified check, no later than 2 business days after the results of the auction are announced in the Allowance Tracking System.

(d) *Bid amount and number of bids.* Bidders may request any number of allowances up to the amount of allowances available for auction. Any person may submit more than one bid in each auction, provided that each bid meets the requirements of this section.

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(e) *Submission of bids.* The Administrator will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in the Commerce Business Daily the address of where to submit bids and payment not later than 60 calendar days before each auction.

(f) *Deadline for bids.* All bids must be revised by the Administrator no later than 3 business days prior to the date of the auctions.

§ 73.72 Direct sales.

Allowances that were formerly part of the direct sale program, which has been terminated under § 73.73(b), will be included in the annual allowance auctions in accordance with § 73.70(a).

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§ 73.73 Delegation of auctions and sales and termination of auctions and sales.

(a) *Delegation.* The Administrator may, in the Administrator's discretion, by delegation or contract provide for the conduct of sales or auctions under the Administrator's supervision by other departments or agencies of the United States Government or by non-governmental agencies, groups, or organizations.

(b) *Termination of sales.* If the Administrator determines that, during any period of 2 consecutive calendar years, fewer than 20 percent of the allowances available in the subaccount for direct sales have been purchased, the Administrator shall terminate the Direct Sale Subaccount and transfer such allowances to the Auction Subaccount.

(c) *Termination of auctions.* The Administrator may, in the Administrator's discretion, terminate the withholding of allowances and the auctions if the Administrator determines, that, during any period of 3 consecutive years after 2002, fewer than 20 percent of the allowances available in the Auction Subaccount have been purchased.

Subpart F—Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Reserve

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§ 73.80 Operation of allowance reserve program for conservation and renewable energy.

(a) *General.* The Administrator will allocate allowances from the Conservation and Renewable Energy Reserve (the "Reserve") established under subpart B based on verified kilowatt hours saved through the use of one or more qualified energy conservation measures or based on kilowatt hours generated by qualified renewable energy generation. Allowances will be allocated to applicants that meet the requirements of this subpart according to the formulas specified in § 73.82(d), and in the order in which applications are received, except where provided for in § 73.84 and § 73.85, until a total of 300,000 allowances have been allocated.

(b) *Period of applicability.* Allowances will be allocated under this subpart for qualified energy conservation measures or renewable energy generation sources that are operational on or after January 1, 1992, and before the date on which any unit owned or operated by the applicant becomes a Phase I unit or a Phase II unit.

(c) *Termination of the Reserve.* The Administrator will reallocate any allowances remaining in the Reserve after January 2, 2010 to the affected units from whom allowances were withheld by the Administrator, in accordance with section 404(g), for purposes of establishing the Reserve. Each unit's allocation under this paragraph will be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Remaining allowances in the Reserve} \times \text{Unit's allowances withheld}}{\text{Total amount in Reserve}}$$

(Allowances will be rounded to the nearest allowance)

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§ 73.81 Qualified conservation measures and renewable energy generation.

(a) *Qualified energy conservation measures.* A qualified energy conservation measure is a demand-side measure not operational until the period of applicability, implemented in the residence or facility of a customer to whom the utility sells electricity, that:

(1) Is specified in appendix A(1) of this subpart; or

(2) In the case of a device or material that is not included in appendix A(1) of this subpart,

(i) Is a cost-effective demand-side measure consistent with an applicable least-cost plan or least-cost planning process that increases the efficiency of the customer's use of electricity (as measured in accordance with § 73.82(c)) without increasing the use by the customer of any fuel other than qualified renewable energy, industrial waste heat, or, pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of this section, industrial waste gases;

(ii) Is implemented pursuant to a conservation program approved by the utility regulatory authority, which certifies that it meets the requirements of paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section and is not excluded by paragraph (b) of this section; and

(iii) Is reported by the applicant in its application to the Reserve.

(b) *Non-qualified energy conservation measures.* The following energy conservation measures shall not qualify for Allowance Reserve allocations:

(1) Demand-side measures that were operational before January 1, 1992;

(2) Supply-side measures;

(3) Conservation programs that are exclusively informational or educational in nature;

(4) Load management measures that lead to economic reduction of electric energy demand during a utility's peak generating periods, unless kilowatt hour savings can be verified by the utility pursuant to § 73.82(c); or

(5) Utilization of industrial waste gases, unless the applicant has certified that there is no net increase in sulfur dioxide emissions from such utilization.

(c) *Qualified renewable energy generation.* Qualified renewable energy generation is electrical energy generation, not operational until the period of applicability, that:

(1) Is specified in appendix A(3) of this subpart; or

(2) In the case of renewable energy generation that is not included in appendix A(3) of this subpart is#:

(i) Consistent with a least cost plan or a least cost planning process and derived from biomass (*i.e.*, combustible