stack provisions of § 75.72 of this chapter, the petition is governed by paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The NO_X authorized account representative of a NO_X Budget unit that is not subject to an Acid Rain emissions limitation may submit a petition under § 75.66 of this chapter to the permitting authority and the Administrator requesting approval to apply an alternative to any requirement of this subpart.

(1) The NO_X authorized account representative of a NO_X Budget unit that is subject to an Acid Rain emissions limitation may submit a petition under § 75.66 of this chapter to the permitting authority and the Administrator requesting approval to apply an alternative to a requirement concerning any additional CEMS required under the common stack provisions of § 75.72 of this chapter or a NO_X concentration CEMS used under 75.71(a)(2) of this chapter.

(2) Application of an alternative to any requirement of this subpart is in accordance with this subpart only to the extent the petition under paragraph (b) of this section is approved by both the permitting authority and the Administrator.

§ 96.76 Additional requirements to provide heat input data for allocations purposes.

(a) The owner or operator of a unit that elects to monitor and report NO_X Mass emissions using a NO_X concentration system and a flow system shall also monitor and report heat input at the unit level using the procedures set forth in part 75 of this chapter for any source located in a state developing source allocations based upon heat input.

(b) The owner or operator of a unit that monitor and report NO_X Mass emissions using a NO_X concentration system and a flow system shall also monitor and report heat input at the unit level using the procedures set forth in part 75 of this chapter for any source that is applying for early reduction credits under § 96.55.

Subpart I—Individual Unit Opt-ins

§ 96.80 Applicability.

A unit that is in the State, is not a NO_X Budget unit under § 96.4, vents all of its emissions to a stack, and is operating, may qualify, under this subpart, to become a NO_X Budget opt-in source. A unit that is a NO_X Budget unit, is covered by a retired unit exemption under § 96.5 that is in effect, or is not operating is not eligible to become a NO_X Budget opt-in source.

§ 96.81 General.

Except otherwise as provided in this part, a NO_X Budget opt-in source shall be treated as a NO_X Budget unit for purposes of applying subparts A through H of this part.

§ 96.82 NO_X authorized account representative.

A unit for which an application for a NO_X Budget opt-in permit is submitted and not denied or withdrawn, or a NO_X Budget opt-in source, located at the same source as one or more NO_X Budget units, shall have the same NO_X authorized account representative as such NO_X Budget units.

§ 96.83 Applying for NO_X Budget opt-in permit.

(a) *Applying for initial NO_X* Budget opt-in permit. In order to apply for an initial NO_X Budget opt-in permit, the NO_X authorized account representative of a unit qualified under § 96.80 may submit to the permitting authority at any time, except as provided under § 96.86(g):

(1) A complete NO_X Budget permit application under § 96.22;

(2) A monitoring plan submitted in accordance with subpart H of this part; and

(3) A complete account certificate of representation under § 96.13, if no NO_X authorized account representative has been previously designated for the unit.

(b) *Duty to reapply*. The NO_X authorized account representative of a NO_X Budget opt-in source shall submit a complete NO_X Budget permit application under § 96.22 to renew the NO_X

Budget opt-in permit in accordance with §96.21(c) and, if applicable, an updated monitoring plan in accordance with subpart H of this part.

§96.84 Opt-in process.

The permitting authority will issue or deny a NO_X Budget opt-in permit for a unit for which an initial application for a NO_X Budget opt-in permit under §96.83 is submitted, in accordance with §96.20 and the following:

(a) *Interim review of monitoring plan.* The permitting authority will determine, on an interim basis, the sufficiency of the monitoring plan accompanying the initial application for a NO_X Budget opt-in permit under §96.83. A monitoring plan is sufficient, for purposes of interim review, if the plan appears to contain information demonstrating that the NO_X emissions rate and heat input of the unit are monitored and reported in accordance with subpart H of this part. A determination of sufficiency shall not be construed as acceptance or approval of the unit's monitoring plan.

(b) If the permitting authority determines that the unit's monitoring plan is sufficient under paragraph (a) of this section and after completion of monitoring system certification under subpart H of this part, the NO_X emissions rate and the heat input of the unit shall be monitored and reported in accordance with subpart H of this part for one full control period during which monitoring system availability is not less than 90 percent and during which the unit is in full compliance with any applicable State or Federal emissions or emissions-related requirements. Solely for purposes of applying the requirements in the prior sentence, the unit shall be treated as a ''NO_X Budget unit'' prior to issuance of a NO_X Budget opt-in permit covering the unit.

(c) Based on the information monitored and reported under paragraph (b) of this section, the unit's baseline heat rate shall be calculated as the unit's total heat input (in mmBtu) for the control period and the unit's baseline NO_X emissions rate shall be calculated as the unit's total NO_X emissions (in lb) for the control period divided by the unit's baseline heat rate.

(d) After calculating the baseline heat input and the baseline NO_X emissions rate for the unit under paragraph (c) of this section, the permitting authority will serve a draft NO_X Budget opt-in permit on the NO_X authorized account representative of the unit.

(e) *Confirmation of intention to opt-in.* Within 20 days after the issuance of the draft NO_X Budget opt-in permit, the NO_X authorized account representative of the unit must submit to the permitting authority a confirmation of the intention to opt in the unit or a withdrawal of the application for a NO_X Budget opt-in permit under §96.83. The permitting authority will treat the failure to make a timely submission as a withdrawal of the NO_X Budget opt-in permit application.

(f) *Issuance of draft NO_X Budget opt-in permit.* If the NO_X authorized account representative confirms the intention to opt-in the unit under paragraph (e) of this section, the permitting authority will issue the draft NO_X Budget opt-in permit in accordance with §96.20.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section, if at any time before issuance of a draft NO_X Budget opt-in permit for the unit, the permitting authority determines that the unit does not qualify as a NO_X Budget opt-in source under §96.80, the permitting authority will issue a draft denial of a NO_X Budget opt-in permit for the unit in accordance with §96.20.

(h) *Withdrawal of application for NO_X Budget opt-in permit.* A NO_X authorized account representative of a unit may withdraw its application for a NO_X Budget opt-in permit under §96.83 at any time prior to the issuance of the final NO_X Budget opt-in permit. Once the application for a NO_X Budget opt-in permit is withdrawn, a NO_X authorized account representative wanting to reapply must submit a new application for a NO_X Budget permit under §96.83.

(i) *Effective date.* The effective date of the initial NO_X Budget opt-in permit shall be May 1 of the first control period starting after the issuance of the initial NO_X Budget opt-in permit by the permitting authority. The unit shall be a NO_X Budget opt-in source and a NO_X Budget unit as of the effective date of the initial NO_X Budget opt-in permit.