

Department of Energy

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and essential to the eligible energy program or project.

(b) In determining whether the program or project referred to in the application should be designated an eligible energy program or project, DOE will consider all factors which it considers relevant including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Quantity of energy involved;
- (2) Benefits of timely energy program furtherance or project completion;
- (3) Socioeconomic impact;
- (4) The need for the end product for which the materials and equipment are allegedly required; and
- (5) Established national energy policies.

(c) In findings whether the supplies of materials or equipment described in the application are critical and essential to an eligible energy program or project, DOE will consider all factors which it considers relevant including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Availability and utility of substitute materials or equipment; and
- (2) Impact of the nonavailability of the specific supplies of materials and equipment on the furtherance or timely completion of the approved energy program or project.

(d) Increased costs which may be associated with obtaining materials or equipment without assistance shall not be considered a valid reason for finding the materials and equipment to be critical and essential.

(e) After DOE has determined a program or project to be an eligible energy program or project, this determination shall be deemed made with regard to subsequent applications involving the same program or project unless and until DOE announces otherwise.

§216.5 Notification of findings.

(a) DOE will notify the DOC if it finds that supplies of materials and equipment, for which an applicant requested assistance, are critical and essential to an eligible energy program or project, and in such cases will forward to the DOC the application and whatever information or comments DOE believes appropriate. If DOE believes at any time that findings previously made may no longer be valid, it

will immediately notify the DOC and the affected applicant(s) and afford such applicant(s) an opportunity to show cause why such findings should not be withdrawn.

(b) If DOC notifies DOE that DOC has found that supplies of materials and equipment, for which the applicant requested assistance, are scarce and that the related eligible energy program or project cannot reasonably be accomplished without exercising the authority specified in DPA section 101(c)(1), DOE will notify the applicant that the applicant is authorized to place rated orders and/or authorized controlled material orders for specific supplies of materials and equipment pursuant to the provisions of the DPAS Regulation, as promulgated by the Department of Commerce.

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§216.6 Petition for reconsideration.

If DOE, after evaluating an application in accordance with §216.4, does not determine that the energy program or project maximizes domestic energy supplies or does not find that the supplies of materials and equipment described in the application are critical and essential to an eligible energy program or project, it will so notify the applicant and the applicant may petition DOE for reconsideration. If DOE concludes at any time that findings previously made are no longer valid and should be withdrawn, DOE will so notify the affected applicant(s), and such applicant(s) may petition DOE for reconsideration of the withdrawal decision. Such a petition is deemed accepted when received by DOE at the address stated in §216.8. DOE will consider the petition for reconsideration and either grant or deny the relief requested. Written notice of the decision and of the reasons for the decision will be provided to the applicant. There has not been an exhaustion of administrative remedies until a petition for reconsideration has been submitted and the review procedure completed by grant or denial of the relief requested.