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the affected applicant(s) and afford such applicant(s) an opportunity to show cause why such findings should not be withdrawn.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

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The denial of relief requested in a petition for reconsideration is a final administrative decision.

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§216.7 Conflict in priority orders.

If it appears that the use of assistance pursuant to DPA section 101(c) creates or threatens to create a conflict with priorities and allocation support provided in connection with the national defense pursuant to DPA section 101(a), DOE will work with the DOC and other claimant agencies affected by such conflict in an attempt to reschedule deliveries or otherwise accommodate such competing demands. If acceptable solutions cannot be agreed upon by the claimant agencies the FEMA will resolve such conflicts.

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§216.8 Communications.

All written communications concerning these regulations shall be addressed to:

Department of Energy, Procurement and Assistance Management Directorate, Attn: MA-422, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

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§216.9 Violations.

Any person who willfully furnishes false information or conceals any material fact in the course of the application process or in a petition for reconsideration is guilty of a crime, and upon conviction may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§218.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) This part implements section 251 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163) (42 U.S.C. 6271), as amended, which authorizes the President to take such action as he determines to be necessary for performance of the obligations of the United States under chapters III and IV of the Agreement on an International Energy Program (TIAS 8278), insofar as such obligations relate to the mandatory international allocation of oil by International Energy Program participating countries.

(b) *Applicability.* This part applies to any firm engaged in producing, transporting, refining, distributing or storing oil which is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

§218.2 Activation/Deactivation.

(a) This rule shall take effect providing:

- (1) The International Energy Program has been activated; and,
- (2) The President has transmitted this rule to Congress, has found putting such rule into effect is required in order to fulfill obligations of the United States under the International Energy Program and has transmitted such a finding to the Congress together