

7630.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply.

Subp. 2. **Agency.** "Agency" means the Department of Commerce.

Subp. 3. **AMC per GLPG.** "AMC per GLPG" means average marginal cost per gallon of LP gas. It is the annual cost to a person purchasing one additional gallon of LP gas per month for one year divided by 12.

Subp. 4. **AMC per KWH.** "AMC per KWH" means average marginal cost per kilowatt hour. It is the annual cost to a person purchasing one additional kilowatt hour of electricity each month for one year divided by 12.

Subp. 5. **AMC per MCF.** "AMC per MCF" means average marginal cost per 1,000 cubic feet of natural or mixed gas. It is the annual cost to a person purchasing one additional MCF of natural or mixed gas each month for one year divided by 12.

Subp. 6. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means the person submitting an application for a variance to the prohibition on use of decorative gas lamps.

Subp. 7. **Btu.** "Btu" means British thermal unit, a common unit of energy measurement, which is used in these rules for comparative purposes. For purposes of this chapter one MCF of natural or mixed gas shall be considered to contain 1,000,000 Btu's and one gallon of LP gas shall be considered to contain 93,000 Btu's.

Subp. 8. **Complete application.** "Complete application" means an application that satisfies all of the requirements of this chapter.

Subp. 9. **Conversion cost.** "Conversion cost" means the dollar cost of adapting a decorative gas lamp to one producing light by electrical energy, or of replacing a gas lamp with an electrical fixture that will provide an equivalent amount of light for the same location.

Subp. 10. **Decorative gas lamp.** "Decorative gas lamp" means any device installed for the purpose of illumination by burning natural, mixed, or LP gas and utilizing either a mantle or an open flame, but does not include a portable gas camp lantern or lamp.

Subp. 11. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the agency.

Subp. 12. **Home owner.** "Home owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is vested a legal or beneficial interest in a dwelling, no more than one-half the square footage of which is occupied by tenants.

Subp. 13. **KWH.** "KWH" means kilowatt hour, 1,000 watt hours, a common unit of measurement for electrical energy. One kilowatt hour of electricity is equivalent to 3,412 Btu's.

Subp. 14. **LP gas.** "LP gas" means liquefied petroleum gas or propane.

Subp. 15. **MCF.** "MCF" means 1,000 cubic feet, a common quantity for measurement of natural gas.

Subp. 16. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, joint stock company, unincorporated association or society, municipal corporation, or any government or governmental subdivision, unit, or agency, other than a court of law.

Subp. 17. **Tenant.** "Tenant" means any person who is occupying a dwelling under any agreement, lease, or contract, whether oral or written, and for whatever period of time, which requires the payment of moneys as rent for the use of the dwelling unit, and all other regular occupants of such dwelling unit.

Subp. 18. **Utility.** "Utility" means any entity engaged in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy and any entity engaged in the transmission or distribution of natural or synthetic natural gas, including but not limited to a private investor-owned utility or a public or municipally owned utility.

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