

1 Public Utilities Commission

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Governing the Determination of
4 Significant Investment for Conservation Improvement Programs

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6 Rules as Adopted

7 7840.1150 APPROVAL, DISAPPROVAL, OR MODIFICATION.

8 Subpart 1. Determination of significant investment. The
9 commission shall determine whether a proposed program or
10 modified program will result in significant investments in and
11 expenditures for energy conservation improvements. In making
12 this determination, the commission shall consider the following
13 information, which must be included in a public utility's filing:

14 A. impact of the program or modified program on:

15 (1) short-term peak, including peak hours and
16 peak day;

17 (2) long-term peak; and

18 (3) average energy consumption, including annual
19 average energy consumption;

20 B. total cost to the utility of the-energy-saved-by
21 the a program or modified program, resulting in energy savings,
22 compared to the cost to the utility to produce or purchase an
23 equivalent amount of new supply of energy;

24 C. short-term and long-term impact of the program or
25 modified program on utility rates;

26 D. total number of low-income and rental customers
27 expected to be affected by the program or modified program;

28 E. total dollars spent on energy conservation
29 improvements annually, expressed as a percentage of gross
30 revenues;

31 F. total number of customers expected to participate
32 in the program or modified program, expressed as a percentage of
33 the total number of customers in a utility's service area;

34 G. diversity of customer classes expected to
35 participate in the program or modified program;

1 H. benefits of the program or modified program to
2 participants; and

3 I. other facts and circumstances concerning a
4 particular utility that are relevant to determining the overall
5 importance of the investment in energy conservation improvements.

6 Subp. 2. Approval. On determining that the proposed
7 program or modified program will result in significant
8 investments in and expenditures for energy conservation
9 improvements, the commission shall approve the proposed or
10 modified program.

11 Subp. 3. Disapproval and modification. On determining
12 that the proposed program or modified program will not result in
13 significant investments in and expenditures for energy
14 conservation improvements, the commission shall disapprove the
15 proposed program or modified program and order a program that
16 will result in significant investments in and expenditures for
17 energy conservation improvements.