

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED PERMANENT REGULATIONS--NRS 233B.066 Informational Statement LCB File No. R157-20

The following statement is submitted for adopted regulations to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 701.

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

This regulation is necessary to clarify and correct language within the regulation and conform to the requirements of NRS 701.590-701.595. The regulations clarify how funds in the account may be utilized.

2. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Copies of the proposed regulation, the notice of workshop and notice of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by email to persons who were known to have an interest in the adoption of the proposed regulation as well as any person who had specifically requested such notice.

These documents were also made available at the website of the Governor's Office of Energy (GOE), www.energy.nv.gov, the website of the Nevada Legislature at http://leg.state.nv.us/app/Notice/A/, the Nevada State official website at https://notice.nv.gov.

Please note that due to COVID restrictions, physical postings were not possible.

A workshop was held on March 10, 2022. The Governor's Office of Energy took oral comments from the public and interested parties. There was no public commented provided by anyone present.

On February 16, 2022, the Director issued a Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation. The hearing was held via a virtual platform due to COVID restrictions on in person meetings. The Governor's Office of Energy took oral comments from the public and interested parties. There was no public commented provided by anyone present.

A copy of the minutes which provide comments made at each hearing are available for review at the Governor's Office of Energy, 600 E. William Street, Suite 200, Carson City,

NV 89701. A recording of the workshop and hearing are also provided for review at the Governor's Office of Energy.

- 3. The number of persons who:
 - (a) Attended the hearing: 7
 - **(b)** Testified at the hearing: 0
 - (c) Submitted written comments: 0
- 4. A list of name and contact information, including telephone number, business address, business telephone number, electronic mail address, and name of entity or organization represented, for each person identified above in #3, as provided to the agency, is attached as Exhibit A.
- 5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

See section 2 above.

A copy of the written comments and the minutes which provide a summary of the oral comments made at each workshop and hearing are available for review at the Governor's Office of Energy, 600 E. William Street, Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89701. A recording of the workshop and hearing are also provided for review at the Governor's Office of Energy. You may request a copy of either by contacting Laura Wickham: lwickha@energy.nv.gov

6. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

The Permanent regulation was adopted on March 22, 2022, no suggested changes were made by members of the public.

- 7. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and in each case must include:
 - (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects on businesses and the public:

The Director and staff analyzed applications and interest to the program during recent years and determined the need for revolving loans was no longer present. No more than 3 applications were received in the past 5 years demonstrating a waning need for this particular program. It was determined the proposed amended regulations would benefit a larger audience and serve a greater purpose. The net effect of the proposed amended regulations is positive in that both public and private entities will be able to benefit from a grant program which has the potential to create jobs and aid in the economic recovery that is needed.

GOE concluded that these amendments were intended to have only positive impacts upon businesses and stakeholders. It will encourage and promote clean energy projects while creating jobs and educating youth.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses and the public:

The proposed regulations are intended to effectuate the Legislative intent and will not and are intended not to have any negative impact upon businesses or stakeholders.

The immediate effect on businesses and the public will be that they will no longer be able to apply for financing (loans) from this account. However, the long-term effect will be that these same businesses or the public may be eligible for funding through the newly created targeted grant program. The adopted regulations follow what is in statute for this account and will provide opportunities to all for funding of projects that fall within the approved categories set by the U.S. Department of Energy.

8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

There is no added cost to the agency for this regulation.

9. A description of any regulations of other State or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlap is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

There are no other State or governmental regulations with which this regulation overlaps or duplicates.

10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are no provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal standards.

11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

There is no fee associated with this regulation.

David Bobzien, Director – March 22, 2022

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