§ 1948.82 Plan and State Investment Strategy approval procedure.

(a) Any plan submitted for FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 approval, whether it is a plan developed with assistance under this section, an existing plan, or a modified plan, should contain:

(1) The present level of coal or uranium production, processing, or transportation within the approved designated area covered by the plan;

(2) The anticipated level of coal or uranium production, processing, or transportation in each of the next three calendar years within the area covered by the plan;

(3) A brief description of the socio-economic impacts that have occurred during the two most recent calendar years in the approved designated area covered by the plan;

(4) A brief description of the socio-economic impacts that are expected to occur in the approved designated area covered by the plan within each of the next three calendar years;

(5) The anticipated number of new employees expected to be hired in coal or uranium development activities in each of the next three years within the approved designated area covered by the plan;

(6) Available financial resources and federal programs that may be applied to meeting the needs of the approved designated area including but not limited to the following:

(i) The expected amount of State assistance and State expenditures in the approved designated area covered by the plan which will be used for impact assistance in the next three years;

(ii) The amount of tax revenues expected to accrue to local governments serving the approved designated area covered by the plan in each of the next three years due to increased economic activities which have occurred since the year prior to designation or are expected to occur as a result of coal and uranium development activity;

(iii) Sources and amount of assistance State and local governments are now receiving or are expected to receive from persons for the provision of housing and public facility and services; and

(iv) Existing budget surplus at the State and local level.

(b) All plans meeting the criteria in paragraph (a) of this section should be forwarded to the Governor of the appropriate State or States for possible incorporation into the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas.

(c) Appropriate growth management and/or housing plans received by the Governor under this section may be submitted to the appropriate FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 State Office by the Governor.
(d) The Governor shall submit a copy of the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas along with all plans the Governor is submitting to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 for approval.

(e) During fiscal year 1979 the Governor may submit existing plans to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 for qualified approval in which some sections under paragraph (a) above are incomplete, provided that planning is presently being done to fill these gaps, or applicant has a planning grant has been submitted or is to be submitted to cover the cost of the needed planning. These plans must be resubmitted for final approval on or before December 31, 1980. No requested grant will be approved for land acquisition or site development unless the request is cited in the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354-approved comprehensive growth management plan for the designated area in which the project is located.

(f) The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 State Director shall review all plans and the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas and provide comments on the following:

1. Appropriateness of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 assistance under this section as called for in the plans;
2. Appropriateness of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 assistance under other programs as called for in the plans;
3. Appropriateness of the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas;
4. Other Federal programs which could be used instead of, or in addition to, assistance under this section; and
5. Recommended action.

(g) The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 State Director shall submit all plans received from the Governor, the State Investment Strategy Energy Impacted Areas, and any comments to the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 National Office for approval within 10 days of the submission of plans and the State Investment Strategies for Energy Impacted Areas to the State Director.

(h) The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 National Office shall review all plans and State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas received and approve or return them for modification within 30 days of their receipt in the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 National Office.

(i) The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 National Office shall notify the appropriate State Director of all plans that have been approved by the Administrator.

(j) Upon approval of the plans and State Investment Strategies for Energy Impacted Areas by the Administrator, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354, the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 State Director may exercise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture under Section 603 of the Rural Development Act of 1972 to convene a meeting of the appropriate representatives of all Federal and State agencies which are requested to supply development funds by the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas for the purpose of obtaining tentative funding commitments consistent with their authorities.

(k) The FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 State Office shall notify the Governor and the appropriate District Directors of all plans approved by the Administrator, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354.

(l) Modifications to approved plans shall be approved by the Administrator of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 following the above procedure.

(m) The Governor's modification to the State Investment Strategy for Energy Impacted Areas may be approved by the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 State Director provided the modification is consistent with FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 approved plans.