§ 73.73 Delegation of auctions and sales and termination of auctions and sales.

(a) Delegation. The Administrator may, in the Administrator’s discretion, by delegation or contract provide for the conduct of sales or auctions under the Administrator’s supervision by other departments or agencies of the United States Government or by nongovernmental agencies, groups, or organizations.

(b) Termination of sales. If the Administrator determines that, during any period of 2 consecutive calendar years, fewer than 20 percent of the allowances available in the subaccount for direct sales have been purchased, the Administrator shall terminate the Direct Sale Subaccount and transfer such allowances to the Auction Subaccount.

(c) Termination of auctions. The Administrator may, in the Administrator’s discretion, terminate the withholding of allowances and the auctions if the Administrator determines, that, during any period of 3 consecutive years after 2002, fewer than 20 percent of the allowances available in the Auction Subaccount have been purchased.

Subpart F—Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Reserve

§ 73.80 Operation of allowance reserve program for conservation and renewable energy.

(a) General. The Administrator will allocate allowances from the Conservation and Renewable Energy Reserve (the “Reserve”) established under subpart B based on verified kilowatt hours saved through the use of one or more qualified energy conservation measures or based on kilowatt hours generated by qualified renewable energy generation. Allowances will be allocated to applicants that meet the requirements of this subpart according to the formulas specified in §73.82(d), and in the order in which applications are received, except where provided for in §§73.84 and 73.85, until a total of 300,000 allowances have been allocated.

(b) Period of applicability. Allowances will be allocated under this subpart for qualified energy conservation measures or renewable energy generation sources that are operational on or after January 1, 1992, and before the date on which any unit owned or operated by the applicant becomes a Phase I unit or a Phase II unit.

(c) Termination of the Reserve. The Administrator will reallocate any allowances remaining in the Reserve after January 2, 2010 to the affected units from whom allowances were withheld by the Administrator, in accordance with section 404(g), for purposes of establishing the Reserve. Each unit’s allocation under this paragraph will be calculated as follows:

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\text{Remaining allowances in the Reserve} \times \text{Unit's allowances withheld} = \text{Total amount in Reserve (Allowances will be rounded to the nearest allowance)}
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§ 73.81 Qualified conservation measures and renewable energy generation.

(a) Qualified energy conservation measures. A qualified energy conservation measure is a demand-side measure not operational until the period of applicability, implemented in the residence or facility of a customer to whom the utility sells electricity, that:

(1) Is specified in appendix A(1) of this subpart; or

(2) In the case of a device or material that is not included in appendix A(1) of this subpart, that:

(i) Is a cost-effective demand-side measure consistent with an applicable least-cost plan or least-cost planning process that increases the efficiency of the customer’s use of electricity (as measured in accordance with §73.82(c)) without increasing the use by the customer of any fuel other than qualified renewable energy, industrial waste heat, or, pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of this section, industrial waste gases;

(ii) Is implemented pursuant to a conservation program approved by the utility regulatory authority, which certifies that it meets the requirements of paragraph (a)(2)(1) of this section and is not excluded by paragraph (b) of this section; and