and that such policies and programs create a net increase in employment through work that would not otherwise be done or are essential to fulfill national priority purposes.

# (b) Wage rates; work limitations of reservoir projects employees

Any person employed in any reservoir project enacted and funded pursuant to the implementation of section 3116(c)(1) of this title, or in any other job created pursuant to implementation of this chapter, shall, subject to any limitations on maximum annual compensation as may be provided in the law authorizing such programs, be paid not less than the pay received by others performing the same type of work for the same employer, and in no case less than the minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 [29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.]. No person employed in any reservoir project enacted and funded pursuant to implementation of section 3116(c)(1) of this title shall perform work of the type to which sections 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147 of title 40 apply, except as otherwise may be specifically authorized by law.

### (c) Recommendations of President

Any recommendation by the President for legislation to implement any program enacted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, requiring the use of funds under this chapter, and submitted pursuant to the requirements of this chapter, shall contain appropriate wage provisions based upon existing wage standard legislation.

(Pub. L. 95–523, title IV,  $\S402$ , Oct. 27, 1978, 92 Stat. 1908.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of "this chapter", referred to in text, see References in Text note set out under section 3102 of this title

The Fair Labor Standards Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is act June 25, 1938, ch. 676. 52 Stat. 1060, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 8 (§ 201 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 201 of Title 29, and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

"Sections 3141–3144, 3146, and 3147 of title 40 apply" substituted in subsec. (b) for "the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a—276a—5) applies" on authority of Pub. L. 107-217,  $\S5(c)$ , Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, the first section of which enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

# CHAPTER 59—RETAIL POLICIES FOR NATURAL GAS UTILITIES

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## § 3201. Purposes; coverage

## (a) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are to encourage—

- (1) conservation of energy supplied by gas utilities:
- (2) the optimization of the efficiency of use of facilities and resources by gas utility systems; and
- (3) equitable rates to gas consumers of natural gas.

#### (b) Volume of total retail sales

This chapter applies to each gas utility in any calendar year, and to each proceeding relating to each gas utility in such year, if the total sales of natural gas by such utility for purposes other than resale exceeded 10 billion cubic feet during any calendar year beginning after December 31, 1975, and before the immediately preceding calendar year.

## (c) Exclusion of wholesale sales

The requirements of this chapter do not apply to the operations of a gas utility, or to proceedings respecting such operations, to the extent that such operations or proceedings relate to sales of natural gas for purposes of resale.

### (d) List of covered utilities

Before the beginning of each calendar year, the Secretary shall publish a list identifying each gas utility to which this chapter applies during such calendar year. Promptly after publication of such list, each State regulatory authority shall notify the Secretary of each gas utility on the list for which such State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority.

(Pub. L. 95–617, title III, §301, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3149.)

#### DEFINITIONS

The definition of Secretary in section 2602 of Title 16, Conservation, applies to this section.

### § 3202. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

- (1) The term "gas consumer" means any person, State agency, or Federal agency, to which natural gas is sold other than for purposes of resale.
- (2) The term "gas utility" means any person, State agency, or Federal agency, engaged in the local distribution of natural gas, and the sale of natural gas to any ultimate consumer of natural gas.
- (3) The term "State regulated gas utility" means any gas utility with respect to which a State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority.
- (4) The term "nonregulated gas utility" means any gas utility other than a State regulated gas utility.
- (5) The term "rate" means any (A) price, rate, charge, or classification made, demanded, observed, or received with respect to sale of natural gas to a gas consumer, (B) any rule, regulation, or practice respecting any such rate, charge, or classification, and (C) any contract pertaining to the sale of natural gas to a gas consumer.
- (6) The term "ratemaking authority" means authority to fix, modify, approve, or disapprove rates.
- (7) The term "sale" when used with respect to natural gas, includes an exchange of natural gas.