

June 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 246, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 16C (§791 et seq.) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 791 of Title 15 and Tables.

#### § 2644. Relationship to other authority

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit or affect any authority of the Secretary or the Commission under any other provision of law.

(Pub. L. 95-617, title I, §134, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3133.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this title", meaning title I (§101 et seq.) of Pub. L. 95-617, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3120, which enacted subchapters I to IV of this chapter and section 6808 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and amended sections 6802 to 6807 of Title 42. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

#### § 2645. Utility regulatory institute

##### (a) Matching grants

The Secretary may make grants under this section to an institute established by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners to enable such institute to—

- (1) conduct research on electric and gas utility regulatory policy issues,
- (2) develop data processing and retrieval methods for electric and gas utility rate-making, and
- (3) perform other functions directly related to assisting State regulatory authorities in carrying out their functions under State law and this Act.

##### (b) Federal share

Grants under this section shall not be used to provide more than the following percentages of the cost to the institute of carrying out the activities specified in subsection (a):

- (1) 80 percent for the fiscal year 1979; and
- (2) 60 percent for the fiscal year 1980.

The remaining amounts expended by the institute may not be provided from Federal sources.

##### (c) Restrictions

Grants under this section may not be made subject to terms and conditions other than those the Secretary deems necessary for purposes of administering this section and for purposes of assuring that—

- (1) all information gathered by the institute is available to the Secretary, the Commission, and the public, and
- (2) no portion of any such grant is used to support or oppose any legislative proposal except by means of testimony by representatives of the institute provided by invitation to a committee of Congress or of a State legislature.

##### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated not more than \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1979 and 1980 for purposes of making grants under this section. No amounts may be appropriated for any fiscal year after the fiscal year

1980 to carry out the purposes of this section without a specific authorization of Congress.

(Pub. L. 95-617, title VI, §603, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3165.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), is Pub. L. 95-617, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3117, as amended, known as the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2601 of this title and Tables.

##### CODIFICATION

This section was not enacted as part of title I of Pub. L. 95-617 which comprises this chapter.

### CHAPTER 47—SMALL HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS

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#### § 2701. Establishment of program

The Secretary shall establish a program in accordance with this chapter to encourage municipalities, electric cooperatives, industrial development agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other persons to undertake the development of small hydroelectric power projects in connection with existing dams which are not being used to generate electric power.

(Pub. L. 95-617, title IV, §401, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3154.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Secretary, referred to in text, means the Secretary of Energy, see section 2602(14) of this title.

##### PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 96-294, title IV, §408(d), June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 718, provided that: "The Secretary shall take such action as may be necessary to assure the establishment, as soon as possible after the date of the enactment of this Act [June 30, 1980] (and in any event within six months after such date in the case of the amendments made by subsections (a) and (c) of this section and in the case of the loan program under section 403 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978) [amending section 2708 of the title, and section 2703 of this title respectively], of such rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement his responsibilities under title IV of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 [this subchapter] and the amendments thereto made by this section [amending sections 2705 and 2708 of this title]".

#### § 2702. Loans for feasibility studies

##### (a) Loan authority

The Secretary, after consultation with the Commission, is authorized to make a loan to any municipality, electric cooperative, industrial development agency, nonprofit organization, or other person to assist such person in defraying up to 90 percent of the costs of—