

350—55.3(17A,ExecOrd11) Requester's responsibilities in filing a waiver or variance petition.

55.3(1) Application. All petitions for waiver or variance must be submitted in writing to the Director, Office of Energy Independence, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. If the petition relates to a pending contested case, a copy of the petition shall also be filed in the contested case proceeding.

55.3(2) Content of petition. A petition for waiver or variance shall include the following information where applicable and known to the requester (for an example of a petition for waiver or variance, see Exhibit A at the end of this chapter):

- a. A description and citation of the specific rule from which a waiver or variance is requested;
- b. The specific waiver or variance requested, including the precise scope and operative period that the waiver or variance will extend;
- c. The relevant facts that the petitioner believes would justify a waiver or variance;
- d. A signed statement from the petitioner attesting to the accuracy of the facts provided in the petition, and a statement of reasons that the petitioner believes will justify a waiver or variance;
- e. A history of any prior contacts between the office and the petitioner relating to the regulated activity, license, grant, loan or other financial assistance affected by the proposed waiver or variance, including a description of each affected license, grant, loan or other financial assistance held by the requester, any notices of violation, contested case hearings, or investigative reports relating to the regulated activity, license, grant or loan within the past five years;
- f. Any information known to the requester regarding the office's treatment of similar cases;
- g. The name, address, and telephone number of any public agency or political subdivision which also regulates the activity in question, or which might be affected by the granting of a waiver or variance;
- h. The name, address, and telephone number of any person or entity that would be adversely affected by the granting of a petition;
- i. The name, address, and telephone number of any person with knowledge of the relevant facts relating to the proposed waiver or variance;
- j. Signed releases of information authorizing persons with knowledge regarding the request to furnish the office with information relevant to the waiver or variance.

55.3(3) Burden of persuasion. When a petition is filed for a waiver or variance from an office rule, the burden of persuasion shall be on the petitioner to demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the office should exercise its discretion to grant the petitioner a waiver or variance.