

199—24.1(476A) Authority, purpose, and policy.

24.1(1) *Authority.* The regulations contained herein are prescribed by the Iowa utilities commission pursuant to authority granted the commission in Iowa Code chapter 476A, relating to the location and construction of electric power generating facilities.

24.1(2) *Purpose.* The purpose of these regulations is to provide guidelines for proceedings for the determination whether the proposed construction of a major electric generation facility or significant alteration thereto should be issued a certificate before such construction may commence and to state the procedures for determining compliance by the applicant with permit and licensing requirements of state regulatory agencies.

24.1(3) *Cooperative agreements.* The commission may enter into cooperative agreements pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 28E with the appropriate state agencies that will facilitate thorough review of all state issues arising in the certification process and will reduce the time and expense in determining, to the extent necessary, the environmental, economic, and social effects of the facility's construction and use. Under the auspices of these 28E agreements, the commission shall delegate to the various state agencies responsibility for the issuance of permits and licenses appropriate to the authority of the agency to ensure compliance with the steps in the certification process. The commission, where appropriate, may use a consolidated hearing process.

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