SUBJECT: MODIFICATIONS TO STATE ENERGY PROGRAM NOTICE 22-01 AND UPDATED PROGRAM YEAR 2022 STATE ENERGY PROGRAM FORMULA GRANT ALLOCATIONS

PURPOSE

To provide updated instructions regarding the preparation of program year (PY) 2022 State Energy Program (SEP) funding applications and to provide revised allocations for the preparation and submission of the applications for PY 2022.

SCOPE

The provisions of this Notice apply to all States (the 50 states, five U.S. territories and the District of Columbia) applying for formula grant financial assistance under the Department of Energy (DOE) SEP.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

SEP is authorized under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.). All grant awards made under this program shall comply with applicable laws including, but not limited to, the SEP statutory authority (42 U.S.C. § 6321 et seq.), and 10 CFR 420, and 2 CFR 200 as amended by 2 CFR 910.

PROCEDURES

On March 15, 2022, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, which provides fiscal year (FY) 2022 full-year appropriations through September 30, 2022.

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- The Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) of 2021 eliminated the cost match requirement detailed in State Energy Program Notice 22-01 until 2027. Accordingly,
 States are not required to contribute matching funds to receive their PY22 allocations.
- The Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) of 2021 states that all future distributions of financial assistance through the State Energy Program will require the submission to DOE of a State Energy Security Plan that meets the requirements set out by the IIJA. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 exempts FY22 SEP appropriations from the State Energy Security Plan requirement. Accordingly, states do not need to submit a letter committing to submit a State Energy Security Plan to DOE no later than September 30, 2022 to receive their FY22 award. It is noted, however, that the State Energy Security Plan requirement will apply to all future distributions of SEP funds.

STATE ALLOCATIONS

The final allocations included in this Notice are to be used in conjunction with the 2022 ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT (ALRD) and State Energy Program

Notice 22-01, entitled PROGRAM YEAR 2022 STATE ENERGY PROGRAM FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS, and three of its attachments: the 2022 Formula Award Application Checklist, the Annual Summary Template and the Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Template.

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Attachment: Revised PY22 allocations