

**TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
CHAPTER 50. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 7. Water and Sewer Program (Bond Proceed Loans and Emergency Grants)
Requirements and Procedures

785:50-7-7. Disbursement of funds [AMENDED]

Subchapter 8. Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant Program Requirements and
Procedures

785:50-8-6. Disbursement of funds [AMENDED]

Subchapter 9. Clean Water State Revolving Fund Regulations

Part 3. General Program Requirements

785:50-9-23. Clean Water SRF Project Priority System [AMENDED]

785:50-9-33. Application for financial assistance [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board ("OWRB") proposes to amend this Chapter of the Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC") as follows:

Section 785:50-7-7 is proposed to be amended to add language regarding what bond requirements are needed in order to receive Emergency and Rural Economic Action Plan Grants (REAP). The intended effect of this amendment is to help clarify the requirements needed from grant recipients in order to get the grant funds.

Section 785:50-8-8 is proposed to be amended to clarify the date the projects must be completed for a REAP grant. The intended effect of this amendment is to clarify the grant fund distribution process.

Section 785:50-9-23 is proposed to be amended to remove language regarding the L1 application document. The intended effect is to remove unnecessary requirements in the loan application process.

Sections 785:50-9-33 is proposed to remove existing language of the rules to reflect the correct process of loan closing and construction. The intended effect is to create more cohesive sections and make the language easily understood for potential applicants.

Other amendments may be considered as a result of public comments.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma Water Resources Board; 82 O.S. § 1085.2; 82 O.S. §§ 1085.31 et seq.; 82 O.S. §§ 1085.51 et seq.; 62 O.S. § 2003.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present data, views, or arguments orally or in writing may do so to Kate Burum at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or by email to Kate.Burum@owrb.ok.gov. Comments must be received by the OWRB no later than the close of the public hearing on January 17, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held January 17, 2017 during the monthly meeting of the OWRB which will begin at 9:30 A.M. in the Board Room of the OWRB's offices located at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

The OWRB requests that any business entities affected by these proposed rules provide the OWRB, within the Comment Period from December 15, 2016 through January 17, 2017, in dollar amounts if possible, the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and indirect costs such as reporting, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Kate Burum at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 no later than the close of the public hearing held on January 17, 2017.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed at the OWRB's office location at 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, or may be obtained from the "Contact Person" identified below upon prepayment of the copying charge. The proposed amendments may also be viewed on the OWRB web site at <http://www.owrb.ok.gov>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a Rule Impact Statement is available for review at the OWRB's office, 3800 North Classen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Rule Impact Statement may also be viewed on the OWRB web site at <http://www.owrb.ok.gov>.

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