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CHAPTER 568

AN ACT to amend 15.83 (title), (1), (2) and (4) and 15.84; and to create 15.83 (1a) of the statutes, relating to the purchase of fuel for the state by the state chief engineer.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.83 (title) and (1) of the statutes are amended to read:

15.83 FUEL FOR STATE HEATING AND POWER PLANTS. (1) Prepare all specifications for contracts for * * * fuel for all state-owned or operated heating or heating and power plants wherein the annual requirement is in excess of * * * 12,500 therms of such fuel. All such specifications where feasible shall provide for purchase of such * * * fuel on a heating value and quality basis and may provide for an adjustment of the base price as affected by an increase or decrease in the miners' wage scale during the life of the contract in the district in which the coal purchase is produced, or for increases or decreases in production costs of other fuels.

SECTION 2. 15.83 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

15.83 (1a) Prepare all specifications for contracts for lubricants for all state-owned or operated heating or heating and power plants and make such tests in connection therewith as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 3. 15.83 (2) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

15.83 (2) Test all * * * fuel purchased for state-owned or operated heating or heating and power plants wherein the annual requirement is in excess of * * * 12,500 therms and where purchased on a heating value and quality basis.

(4) Furnish to the director of * * * budget and accounts at such times as he may require estimates of the * * * amount of fuel needed for each such state-owned or operated heating or heating and power plant during the ensuing year or other period and the estimated delivered cost thereof.

SECTION 4. 15.84 of the statutes is amended to read:

15.84 CONTRACTS FOR FUEL. No contract for the purchase of * * * fuel for any state-owned or operated heating or heating and power plant wherein the annual requirement is in excess of * * * 12,500 therms shall be binding unless purchased upon specifications furnished by the state chief engineer. Payments for fuel delivered under such contracts and for freight, switching and hauling charges thereon shall be made upon vouchers approved by the state chief engineer, but upon being audited and paid shall be charged against the proper appropriation to the officer, department, board or commission which has jurisdiction over

the institution at which such fuel is used. The state *chief* engineer shall quarterly report to each such officer, department, board or commission the total of such payments charged to their respective appropriations and institutions, but approval of such payments by them shall not be necessary.

Approved August 8, 1957.
