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## **REAP, PACE, and New ERA Notification**

March 26, 2025

Dear USDA Rural Development Funding Recipient,

USDA Rural Development is informing awardees of funding through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), the New Empowering Rural America (New ERA), and the Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) programs of the following voluntary opportunity:

Awardees of the above listed funding opportunities have 30 calendar days from the date of this notice to inform USDA Rural Development if they would like to voluntarily propose to change their projects within the existing project budget to better address President Trump's January 20 Executive Order <a href="Declaring a National Energy Emergency">Declaring a National Energy Emergency</a>. If awardees do not respond via this website, it will be considered that they do not wish to make changes to their proposals, and disbursements and other actions will resume after

the 30 days. For awardees who respond via this website to confirm no changes, processing on their projects will resume immediately.

Changes may include the removal of harmful DEIA project features, using more affordable and effective energy sources, including technologies to increase energy production, storage and improve customer service, or any other change that will help the recipient organization play their part in increasing American identification, leasing, development, production, transportation, refining, and generation capacity of energy and critical minerals, while providing affordable service to their customers.

Changes must be in compliance with applicable statutes and program requirements, and the project must not exceed original award amounts. Rural Development will review and must approve any proposed changes. An amended Letter of Conditions will be issued if changes are approved. Rural Development will not approve any changes that affect the scoring of projects that were competitively scored. Once a response is received and any changes have been approved and incorporated into award documents, if applicable, the agency will process existing requests for reimbursement and undertake related measures to move forward with project awards.

Responses must be submitted using the online form at: <a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/reap-newera-pace-notification">https://www.rd.usda.gov/reap-newera-pace-notification</a>. Respondents will be asked to answer several questions and provide a short narrative description of any proposed changes.

Awardees will need the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) used to submit the application for which funds were received. A customer may find their UEI at https://sam.gov/.

New ERA and PACE funding recipients are asked to direct questions about project changes to <a href="mailto:sm.rd.rus.ira.questions@usda.gov">sm.rd.rus.ira.questions@usda.gov</a> or contacting their assigned <a href="mailto:General Field Representative">General Field Representative</a> (GFR).

REAP program funding recipients may direct questions about project changes to their local Energy Coordinator.

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