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M O D I F I C A T I O N

of the proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION on Community financial measures
to promote the use of coal for electricity generation (COM(76) 648 final/2
of 17 January 1977

(presented by the Commission to the Council pursuant
to the second paragraph of article 149 of
the EEC Treaty)

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J U S T I F I C A T I O N

In its original formulation, Article 5 of the proposal for a Regulation on Community financial measures to promote the use of coal for electricity generation provides priority in a general form for investment projects for which the use of Community coal is anticipated. In the course of the examination of the proposal by the European Parliament, it was considered appropriate to define the proportion of commitment authorizations available each financial year to be set aside for such projects.

The attached proposal for an amendment defines the priority to the effect that 20% of the available commitment authorizations are set aside for projects for which the use of Community coal is anticipated and which failed to qualify in the open competition for the remaining 80% of available commitment authorizations.

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Council Regulation on Community financial measures to
promote the use of coal for electricity generation

Explanatory Memorandum, Preamble and Articles 1 - 4 unchanged

Article 5

In considering applications for grants, the Commission is to be guided by the coal-burn plans submitted to the effect that the higher the proposed coal-burn in relation to the amount of the grant, the higher the priority given to the project. However, priority is to be given to projects in regard to which the electricity undertaking is prepared to commit itself to use principally Community coal.

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In considering applications for grants, the Commission is to be guided by the coal-burn plans submitted under Article 4 of this Regulation to the effect that the higher the proposed coal-burn in relation to the amount of the grant applied for, the higher the priority of the project.

80% of the commitment authorization available in each financial year will be allocated in accordance with this principle without regard to the origin of the coal to be used. The remaining 20% will be allocated to projects in regard to which electricity undertakings commit themselves to use not less than 90% Community coal each year of the coal-burn plan.

Articles 6 - 8 unchanged

(1) For complete text see O.J. No. C22 of 29.1.1977, page 4