

both, as required by the contract, are projected to be available from revenues resulting from sales of electricity or thermal energy from the facility or from funding that otherwise would have been used for purchase of electrical, thermal, or other energy required by the public agency in the absence of the energy conservation facility, or both. State agency heads may make these findings without holding a public hearing.

4217.14. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the public agency may enter into contracts for the sale of electricity, electrical generating capacity, or thermal energy produced by the energy conservation facility at such rates and on such terms as are approved by its governing body. Any such contract may provide for a commitment of firm electrical capacity.

4217.15. The public agency may, but is not required to, base the findings required under Sections 4217.12 and 4217.13 on projections for electrical and thermal energy rates from the following sources:

- (a) The public utility which provides thermal or electrical energy to the public agency.
- (b) The Public Utilities Commission.
- (c) The State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.
- (d) The projections used by the Department of General Services for evaluating the feasibility of energy conservation facilities at state facilities located within the same public utility service area as the public agency.

4217.16. Prior to awarding or entering into an agreement or lease, the public agency may request proposals from qualified persons. After evaluating the proposals, the public agency may award the

