

### **123:6-1-10 Cost limitations: vehicles; alternative fuels.**

(A) The department of administrative services or a state agency shall procure only vehicles capable of using alternative fuels unless any of the following conditions apply:

(1) The acquisition cost of an appropriate alternative fuel vehicle, as defined in rule 123:6-1-09 of the Administrative Code, exceeds by twenty per cent or more, the acquisition cost of an appropriate vehicle that is not equipped to use alternative fuel.

(2) The life cycle cost of an appropriate alternative fuel vehicle, as defined in rule 123:6-1-09 of the Administrative Code, exceeds by twenty-five per cent or more, the cost of acquire and operate an appropriate vehicle that is not equipped to use alternative fuel.

(3) An emergency or exigent condition exists that makes the acquisition of alternative fuel vehicles impractical or impossible. Such conditions include, but are not limited, to state or federal declared disasters or emergencies.

(4) A vehicle capable of using alternative fuels that the department or state agency is considering for purchase exceeds the fuel emissions standards established by the United States environmental protection agency by ten per cent for that class of automobile.

(5) A vehicle capable of using alternative fuels that the department or state agency is considering for purchase under performs the mileage per gallon average for that class automobile by ten per cent as established by the United States environmental protection agency.

(B) Each agency fleet manager shall provide each driver of a state vehicle, information concerning locations of stations providing alternative fuels. In addition, each agency fleet manager shall assist each driver of a state vehicle capable of using alternative fuels with route plans, if applicable, that may assist the driver to purchase alternative fuels.

(C) A driver of a state vehicle capable of using alternative fuels shall purchase alternative fuels for that vehicle unless the any of following conditions apply:

(1) The driver must travel more than five miles round trip from the driver's planned route to refuel the vehicle at a station that offers alternative fuel.

(2) The driver must travel more than five miles round trip from a conventional fuel station to refuel the vehicle at a station that offers alternative fuel.

(3) The cost of the alternative fuel is more than ten per cent greater than the cost of conventional gasoline or conventional diesel fuel.

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