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public utilities, licensees, natural gas companies and oil pipeline companies.

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§ 375.304 Delegations to the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

(a) The Commission authorizes the Chief Administrative Law Judge and the Administrative Law Judge designated by the Chief Administrative Law Judge to exercise the power granted to a Presiding Officer by part 385, particularly §385.504 of this chapter.

(b) The Commission authorizes the Chief Administrative Law Judge to

(1) For those proceedings pending under subpart E of part 385 of this chapter:

(i) Consolidate for hearing two or more proceedings on any or all issues,

(ii) Sever two or more proceedings or issues in a proceeding,

(iii) Designate and substitute presiding officers, and

(iv) Extend any close or record date ordered by the Commission in a proceeding for good cause.

(2) For proceedings under subparts I and J of part 385 of this chapter, designate presiding officers who will have all the authorities and duties vested in presiding officers by those rules and other applicable rules in conducting proceedings pursuant to sections 503(c) and 504(b)(1) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7193(c) and 7194(b)(1) (1982).

(3) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for waivers of fees prescribed in §§ 381.303 and 381.304 of this chapter in accordance with §381.106 of this chapter.

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§ 375.305 Delegations to the Solicitor.

The Commission authorizes the Solicitor, or the Solicitor's designee to:

(a) File with the appropriate court of the United States a certified list of the materials comprising the record of any proceeding which involves the Commission;

(b) Retain appropriate materials; and

(c) Deliver such materials to the court as required.

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§ 375.307 Delegations to the Director of the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates.

The Commission authorizes the Director or the Director's designee to:

(a) Sign all correspondence on behalf of the Commission with state regulatory commissions and agencies in connection with non-financial auditing matters.

(b) Pass upon any uncontested application for authorization to issue securities or to assume obligations and liabilities, filed by public utilities and licensees pursuant to part 34 of this chapter.

(c) Sign non-financial audit reports of jurisdictional companies.

(d) In connection with non-financial audits, pass upon and review requests by state and federal agencies to review staff audit working papers if the company agrees to the release of the audit working papers provided:

(1) The papers are examined at the Commission; and

(2) The requester

(i) Only makes general notes concerning the contents of the audit working papers,

(ii) Does not make copies of the audit working papers, and

(iii) Does not remove the audit working papers from the area designated by the Director.

(e) Take appropriate action on the following types of uncontested applications for authorizations and uncontested amendments to applications and authorizations and impose appropriate conditions:

(1) Applications by a pipeline for the deletion of delivery points but not facilities;

(2) Applications to abandon pipeline services, but not facilities, involving a specific customer or customers, if such customer or customers have agreed to the abandonment;

(3) Applications for temporary or permanent certificates (and for amendments thereto) for services, but not facilities, in connection with the transportation, exchange or storage of natural gas, provided that the cost of construction of the certificate applicant's related facility is less than the limits specified in column 2 of table I in § 157.208(d) of this chapter;

(4) Blanket certificate applications by interstate pipelines and local distribution companies served by interstate pipelines filed pursuant to §§ 284.221 and 284.224 of this chapter;

(5) Applications for temporary certificates involving transportation service or sales, but not facilities, pursuant to § 157.17 of this chapter;

(6) Dismiss any protest to prior notice filings involving existing service, made pursuant to § 157.205 of this chapter, that does not raise a substantive issue and fails to provide any specific detailed reason or rationale for the objection;

(7) Applications pertaining to approval of changes in customer names where there is no change in rate schedule, rate, or other incident of service;

(8) Applications for approval of customer rate schedule shifts;

(9) Applications filed under section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act and part 152 of this chapter, for declaration of exemption from the provisions of the Natural Gas Act and certificates held by the applicant; and

(10) Applications and amendments requesting authorizations filed pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for new or additional service to right-of-way grantors either directly or through a distributor, where partial consideration for the granting of the right-of-way was the receipt of gas service pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act.

(f) Act upon filings for all initial rate schedules, rate schedule changes and notices of changes in rates submitted by gas companies and impose conditions to the following extent, in uncontested cases:

(1) Accept a tariff or rate schedule filing, except a major pipeline rate increase under section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act and under subpart D of part 154 of this chapter, if it complies with all applicable statutory requirements, and with all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders for which a waiver has not been granted, or if a waiver has been granted by the Commission, if it complies with the terms of the waiver;

(2) Reject a tariff or rate schedule filing, if it patently fails to comply with applicable statutory requirements and

with all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders for which a waiver has not been granted; and

(3) Advise the filing party of any actions taken under paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section and designate rate schedules, rate schedule changes, and notices of changes in rates, and the effective date thereof.

(g) Take appropriate action on the following:

(1) Any notice of intervention or petition to intervene, filed in an uncontested application for pipeline service and not facilities, or an uncontested rate schedule proceeding;

(2) An uncontested request from one holding an authorization, granted pursuant to the Director's delegated authority, to vacate all or part of such authorization;

(3) Petitions to permit after an initial 60-day period one additional 60-day period of exemption pursuant to § 284.264(b) of this chapter where the application or extension arrives at the Commission later than 45 days after the commencement of the initial period of exemption and where only services are involved; and

(4) Applications for extensions of time to file required reports, data and information and to perform other acts required at or within a specific time by any rule, regulation, license, permit, certificate, or order by the Commission.

(h) Undertake the following actions:

(1) Issue reports for public information purposes. Any report issued without Commission approval must:

(i) Be of a noncontroversial nature, and

(ii) Contain the statement, "This report does not necessarily reflect the view of the Commission," in bold face type on the cover;

(2) Issue and sign deficiency letters regarding natural gas applications; and

(3) Accept for filing, data and reports (including Forms 1, 1F, 2, 2A, and 6) required by Commission orders, or presiding officers' initial decisions upon which the Commission has taken no further action, if such filings are in compliance with such orders or decisions and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such acceptance.

(i) Take appropriate action on requests or petitions for waivers of:

(1) Any action incidental to the exercise of delegated authority, including waiver of notice as provided in section 4(d) of the Natural Gas Act, provided the request conforms to the requirements of § 385.2001 of this chapter;

(2) Filing requirements for statements and reports under Parts 260, 261 and 357 of this chapter;

(3) Fees prescribed in §§ 381.207, 381.403, and 381.505 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.106(b) of this chapter;

(4) Annual charges prescribed in § 382.202 of this chapter in accordance with the standard set forth in § 382.105 of this chapter;

(5) Section 154.403 of this chapter, as necessary, in order to rule on out-of-cycle purchased gas adjustment filings;

(6) The requirements of subpart C of part 292 of this chapter governing cogeneration and small power production facilities made by any state regulatory authority or nonregulated electric utility pursuant to § 292.402 of this chapter;

(7) Annual charges prescribed in § 382.201 of this chapter in accordance with the standard set forth in § 382.105 of this chapter; and

(8) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, requests for waiver of the requirements for statements or reports under § 141.1 of this chapter (FERC Form No. 1, Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities, Licensees and Others) and § 141.2 of this chapter (FERC Form No. 1-F, Annual Report for Nonmajor Public Utilities and Licensees), and of the filing of FERC Form No. 1 on electronic media (§ 385.2011 of this chapter, Procedures for filing on electronic media, paragraphs (a)(6), (c), and (e)).

(j) Take the following actions relating to the regulation of oil pipelines under the Interstate Commerce Act:

(1) Accept any uncontested item which has been filed consistent with Commission regulations and policy;

(2) Reject any filing which patently fails to comply with applicable statutory requirements and with all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders for which a waiver has not been granted;

(3) Prescribe for carriers the classes of property for which depreciation

charges may be properly included under operating expenses, review the fully documented depreciation studies filed by the carriers, and authorize or revise the depreciation rates reflected in the depreciation study with respect to each of the designated classes of property; and

(4) Refer any matter to the Commission which the Director believes should be acted upon by the Commission.

(k) Take the following actions with respect to rates, rate schedules, and rate filings:

(1) Accept for filing all uncontested initial rate schedules and uncontested rate schedule changes submitted by public utilities, including changes which would result in rate increases; waive the requirement of statutory notice for good cause shown; advise the filing party of such acceptances; and designate rate schedules and the effective dates thereof;

(2) Approve uncontested rates and rate schedules filed by the Secretary of Energy or his designee, for power developed at projects owned and operated by the federal government and for services provided by federal power marketing agencies;

(3) Reject a rate filing, unless accompanied by a request for waiver in conformity with § 385.2001 of this chapter, if it fails patently to comply with applicable statutory requirements or Commission rules, regulations and orders; and

(4) Assign to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), with the ALJ's concurrence, uncontested interim electric rate motions that would result in lower rates, pending Commission action on settlement agreements.

(l) Take appropriate action on uncontested applications for:

(1) The sale or lease or other disposition of facilities, consolidation of facilities, and acquisition of securities of public utilities under section 203 of the Federal Power Act;

(2) Interlocking positions under section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act;

(3) Certification of the qualifying status for small power production and cogeneration facilities under § 292.207 of this chapter; and

(4) The extension of time for public utilities to file required reports, data,

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and information and to do other acts required to be done within a specific time period by any rule, regulation or order of the Commission.

(m) Take appropriate action on:

(1) Notices of intervention or petitions to intervene in an uncontested rate schedule proceeding;

(2) Requests for authorization for a designated representative to post and file rate schedules of public utilities which are parties to the same rate schedule; and

(3) Filings related to uncontested nonexempt qualifying small power production facilities, including action on requests for waivers of the Commission's regulations under the Federal Power Act and related authorizations consistent with Massachusetts Refusetech, Inc., 31 FERC ¶61,048 (1985), and the orders cited therein without limitation as to whether qualifying status is by Commission certification or notice of qualifying status, provided that in the case of a notice of qualifying status, any waiver is granted on condition that the filing party has correctly noticed the facility as a qualifying facility.

(n) Undertake the following actions:

(1) Redesignate proceedings, rate schedules, and other authorizations and filings to reflect changes in the names of persons and municipalities subject to invoking Commission jurisdiction under the Federal Power Act, where no substantive changes in ownership, corporate structure or domicile, or jurisdictional operation are involved;

(2) Issue deficiency letters regarding electric rate schedule filings, refund reports, corporate applications for the sale, lease or disposition of property, consolidation of facilities, acquisition of securities of public utilities and applications to hold interlocking positions;

(3) With respect to amendments to agreements, contracts, and rate schedules (including approved rate settlements), and data and reports submitted by public utilities pursuant to Commission opinions, orders, decisions, or other actions or presiding officers' initial decisions:

(i) Accept for filing any amendment, contract, rate schedule, data and re-

ports which are in compliance and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such acceptance; or

(ii) Reject for filing any amendment, contract, rate schedule, data, and reports which are not in compliance or not required and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such rejection; and

(4) Adopt final allocations of costs for federal multiple-purpose reservoir projects for which the Commission has statutory responsibility, and review and comment on cost allocations prepared by others.

(o) In connection with the regulation of oil pipelines under the Interstate Commerce Act, refer any matter to the Commission which the Director believes should be acted upon by the Commission.

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§ 375.308 Delegations to the Director of the Office of Energy Projects.

The Commission authorizes the Director or the Director's designee to:

(a) Take appropriate action on uncontested applications and on applications for which the only motion or notice of intervention is filed by a competing preliminary permit or exemption applicant that does not propose and substantiate materially different plans to develop, conserve, and utilize the water resources of the region for the following:

(1) Licenses (including original, new, and transmission line licenses) under part I of the Federal Power Act;

(2) Exemptions from all or part of the licensing requirements of part I of the Federal Power Act; and

(3) Preliminary permits for proposed projects.

(b) Take appropriate action on uncontested applications for:

(1) Amendments (including changes in the use or disposal of water power project lands or waters or in the boundaries of water power projects) to licenses (including original, new, and transmission line licenses) under part I of the Federal Power Act, exemptions from all or part of the requirements of part I of the Federal Power Act, and preliminary permits; and