§ 381.103 Authorized to engage in the transaction of official business for the United States Government.

(b) Work year cost means the ratio of the Commission’s budgeted expenses during any given fiscal year to the authorized staff level for that fiscal year.

(c) Work-month means the amount of work represented by one employee’s devotion of 100 percent of his or her time for one month.

(d) Filing means any application, tariff or rate filing, intervention, complaint, petition, request, or motion submitted to the Commission in connection with any of the services or benefits for which a fee is established in this part.

§ 381.104 Annual adjustment of fees.

(a) Update and publication. The Commission, by its designee the Executive Director, will update its fees each fiscal year according to the formula in paragraph (c) of this section. The Executive Director will publish the fees in the Federal Register.

(b) Payment of updated fees. Any person who submits a filing for which a fee is established in this part must pay the currently effective fee unless a waiver is granted.

(c) Formula. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the formula for determining each fee is the work months dedicated to the given fee category for the six fiscal years 1987 through 1992 or all years prior to FY 93 for which data are available divided by the number of actual completions in the six fiscal years 1987 through 1992 or all years prior to FY 93 for which data are available multiplied by the average monthly employee cost in the most recent fiscal year for which data are available.

(2) With respect to the fees charged to pipelines filing pursuant to § 381.207(a), the fee for the first year will be $1,000. The formula for the fee in future years will be the work months from the immediately prior year divided by the number of actual completions in that year multiplied by the average monthly employee cost in the most recent fiscal year for which data are available. With the addition of future years, the formula for § 381.207(a) fees will be updated to include that year as part of the base period.

(d) Effective date of fee. Any fee updated under this section is effective on the thirtieth day after publication in the Federal Register of the revised sections in this part, unless otherwise specified in the Federal Register notice.

§ 381.105 Method of payment.

Fee payment shall be made by check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States. The check should state the nature of the filing and the docket number where applicable so that the fee category for which the check is being submitted is clearly identifiable.