

upward from 2,500 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of John Wayne Airport/Orange County from the San Diego Freeway clockwise to the 360° bearing from the John Wayne Airport/Orange County, excluding that airspace west of a line from the 351° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County to the 251° bearing from John Wayne Airport/Orange County; and that airspace extending upward from 2,000 feet MSL to and including 4,400 feet MSL within a 10-mile radius of John Wayne Airport/Orange County from the 360° bearing from the John Wayne Airport/Orange County clockwise to a line from lat. 33°49'58" N., long. 117°48'02" W.; to lat. 33°44'12" N., long. 117°48'00" W. This Class C airspace area is effective during the specific days and hours of operation of the Orange County Tower and Approach Control as established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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Issued in Washington, DC on November 1, 1999.

Reginald C. Matthews,

Manager, Airspace and Rules Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM99-12-000]

Designation of Electric Rate Schedule Sheets October 28, 1999.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is proposing to amend its regulations to require prospectively the inclusion of a proposed designation for all rate schedule sheets filed with the Commission by public utilities. The proposed rule would streamline rate schedule sheet designation procedures for the Commission and the electric industry. The proposed rule also would conform public utility tariff filing procedures with those for interstate natural gas and oil pipelines. This revision to the regulations is necessary to accommodate the movement toward an integrated energy industry and to facilitate the development of common standards for the electronic filing of all electric, gas, and oil rate schedule sheets.

DATES: Comments are due December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission from November 14, 1994, to the present. CIPS can be accessed via Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.fed.us>) using the CIPS Link or the Energy Information Online icon. Documents will be available on CIPS on ASCII and WordPerfect 8.0. User assistance is available at 202-208-2474 or by E-mail to cips.master@ferc.fed.us.

This document is also available through the Commission's Records and Information Management System (RIMS), an electronic storage and retrieval system of documents submitted to and issued by the Commission after November 16, 1981. Documents from November 1995 to the present can be viewed and printed. RIMS is available in the Public Reference Room or remotely via Internet through FERC's Home Page using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. User assistance is available at 202-208-2222, or by E-mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

Finally, the complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, RVJ International, Inc. RVJ International, Inc. is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is proposing to amend its regulations to require

prospectively the inclusion of a proposed designation¹ on all rate schedule sheets filed with the Commission by public utilities. The proposed rule would streamline rate schedule sheet designation procedures for the Commission and the electric industry.

The proposed rule also would conform the procedures for identifying public utility tariff filings with those for interstate natural gas and oil pipelines. This revision to the regulations is necessary to accommodate the movement toward an integrated energy industry and to facilitate the development of common standards for the electronic filing of all electric, gas, and oil rate schedule sheets. However, it has not been determined what the common standards for electronic filing will be or the format that will be followed. For example, it has not been decided whether a page-based or non-page-based system would be most effective. These determinations will be developed by the Commission as it moves forward with electronic filing.

I. Background

Section 205(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA)² and section 4(c) of the Natural Gas Act³ provide that the Commission is charged with the responsibility to keep schedules showing all rates and charges, in such form as the Commission may designate, for any jurisdictional transmission or sale of electricity and for any jurisdictional transportation or sale of natural gas, respectively. Similarly, section 6 of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA)⁴ requires that the rate schedules for oil pipelines be published, filed, and posted in the form and manner prescribed by the Commission. Parts 35, 154, and 341 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations implement these sections of the FPA, NGA, and ICA, respectively.⁵

Pursuant to current Commission regulations under Parts 154 and 341, gas and oil pipelines are required to include proposed pagination on all tariff sheets filed with the Commission; the proposed pagination must be unique to the pertinent tariff sheets, i.e., the proposed pagination is newly created and has never been used previously. Additionally, both Parts 154 and 341

¹ For purposes here, "designation" refers to both the practice of assigning rate schedule numbers and sheet designations for purposes of identification and document tracking.

² 16 USC 824d.

³ 15 USC 717(c).

⁴ 49 USC app. 1.

⁵ 18 CFR Part 35; 18 CFR Part 154; 18 CFR Part 341.

require that the proposed pagination convey information as to whether the tariff sheet being filed contains changes proposed by the pipeline or is filed in compliance with a Commission order. Gas or oil tariff sheets filed without pagination or incorrect pagination are deemed incomplete, and may be rejected as such.⁶

With regard to public utility rate schedules, Part 35 of the Commission's regulations provides that every rate schedule filing under the FPA "will be numbered by the Commission and the filing public utility advised of the Rate Schedule FERC number."⁷ Therefore, pursuant to that regulation, the Commission routinely designates each rate schedule filed by a public utility and informs the utility of the designation.

II. Discussion

The proposed rule would streamline tariff sheet designation procedures for the Commission and the electric industry. Under current procedures, a significant amount of staff time is required to assign designations for public utility tariff sheets.⁸ Staff is required to physically research underlying tariff sheets and proceedings to identify the status of the superseded tariff sheet (effective without suspension, suspended, or effective under suspension) and the nature of the proposed tariff sheet (a proposed rate change or a compliance filing) in order to establish the proper designation. This information must then be conveyed to the utility and the public through issuance of Commission orders.

Alternatively, under the proposed designation procedure, staff would only need to confirm the appropriateness of the proposed pagination. Commission orders, including delegated orders, would not have to always list tariff sheets individually, since the filings and the tariff sheets would be cross-referenced electronically. This would simplify the identification of any specific tariff sheet for any purpose from the time of filing. Also, the proposed designation procedure would allow tariff sheets to be more easily kept up-to-date, with superseded sheets archived for future reference.

Filing requirements for tariff sheets for the electric, gas, and oil industries have evolved independently over time. However, with the movement toward an integrated energy industry it now makes sense to have a common standard for all tariff sheets filed with the Commission. Further, as the Commission increases its use of electronic media for filing, storage, retrieval, and tracking of information and documents, greater uniformity in filing procedures, wherever practical, will greatly expedite and simplify this conversion to electronic media. Conforming the requirements for public utilities, interstate natural gas pipelines, and oil pipelines will position the Commission and the affected industries for a smooth transition to filing tariff sheets electronically and having those sheets tracked and archived electronically. Designing the electronic format for these filings will be greatly simplified as well if all tariff sheets are filed uniformly.

In terms of the transition from the existing designation procedure to the

proposed designation procedure, the Commission believes that the transition to the proposed designation system would occur most smoothly if currently effective and paginated/designated tariff sheets remain as filed; however, if a change is proposed in an existing tariff or rate schedule, the entire tariff or rate schedule must be re-filed according to the new system. In this way, as tariff sheets are replaced over time, the old designations will disappear and the new system would be implemented in an orderly and efficient manner. Further, changes would be prospective only, alleviating any need to retroactively alter, modify, or re-file the tariff sheets currently on file.

"Tariff, Rate Schedule and Service Agreement Pagination Guidelines" have been developed and are attached hereto as an appendix. The guidelines offer definitions and examples to assist during the period of transition. The guidelines also provide the name and telephone number of a staff person who can answer questions and provide additional guidance.

III. Information Collection Statement

The following collection of information contained in this proposed rule is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under Section 3507(d) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.⁹ FERC identifies the information provided under Part 35 as FERC-516. The additional reporting burden to implement this proposed rule is as follows:

Data collection	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Hours per response	Total annual hours
FERC-516	858	3.42	2.83	8,320

Total Additional Annual Hours for Collection (Reporting+Recordkeeping, if appropriate)=8,320.

The total annual reporting burden for FERC-516 under the current regulations is 536,800 hours. Currently, the Commission devotes approximately 8,320 hours per year to assign tariff designations to an estimated 2,934 filings per year. The proposed change will require the utilities to perform the designation duties currently performed by Commission staff. There will,

therefore, be an increase in reporting burden from 536,800 hours to 545,120 hours as utilities adopt the proposed designation system for changes proposed in existing tariffs or rate schedules and/or if an entire tariff or rate schedule must be re-filed.¹⁰

Information Collection Costs: The Commission seeks comments on the costs to comply with these requirements. It has projected the average annualized cost for all respondents to be:

discussion when referring to public utility rate schedules.

⁶ See 18 CFR 154.5; 18 CFR 341.11.

⁷ 18 CFR 35.9.

Annualized Capital/Startup Costs \$205,424 (tariff designations).

Annualized Costs (Operations & Maintenance): \$28,359,815. (tariff + rate schedule filings).

Total Annualized Costs: \$28,565,239. (tariff designations + rate schedule filings).

The OMB regulations require OMB to approve certain information collection

keeping system for proposed tariff sheets pending a final designation from the Commission. This informal system will no longer be necessary to maintain, as tariff sheet designations will be assigned by the utilities prior to filing the tariff sheets.

⁸ For the convenience of the reader, unless the context otherwise indicates, we will use the term "tariff sheet" in the remainder of the narrative

⁹ 44 U.S.C. 3507(d).

¹⁰ The proposed change may have even less impact on utilities, as the Commission assumes utilities currently maintain an informal record

requirements imposed by agency rule.¹¹ Accordingly, pursuant to OMB regulations the Commission is providing notice of its proposed information collection to OMB.

Title: FERC-516, Electric Rate Schedule Filings.

Action: Proposed Data Collection.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0096 The respondent shall not be penalized for failure to respond to this collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Respondents: Business or other for profit, including small businesses.

Frequency of Responses: On Occasion.

Necessity of Information: The proposed rule revises the requirements contained in 18 CFR Part 35.

Internal Review: The Commission has assured itself, by means of its internal review, that there is specific, objective support for the burden estimates associated with the information requirements. Section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824d) requires that rates, terms, and conditions for jurisdictional service be filed with the Commission. In addition, the Commission uses the information provided to make determinations as to whether the rates, terms and conditions of jurisdictional service are unjust, unreasonable, or unjustly discriminatory or preferential and to prescribe the just and reasonable rates, terms and conditions. Failure to issue these requirements would mean the Commission is not meeting its statutory obligations under Sections 205 and 206 of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824d-e). These requirements also conform to the Commission's plan for the efficient collection, communication, and management of information for the electric industry.

Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting the following: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, [Attention: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Phone: (202) 208-1415, fax: (202) 208-2425, email: mike.miller@ferc.fed.us].

For submitting comments concerning the collection of information and the associated burden estimate, please send your comments to the contact listed above and to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. [Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

phone: (202) 395-3087, fax: (202) 395-7285.

IV. Environmental Statement

The Commission is required to prepare an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for any action that may have a significant adverse effect on the human environment. The Commission has categorically excluded certain actions from these requirements as not having a significant effect on the human environment. The actions proposed to be taken here fall within categorical exclusions found in 18 CFR 380.4(a)(1) and (15). Therefore, environmental considerations are unnecessary.

V. Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601-612) requires rulemakings to contain either a description and analysis of the effect that the proposed rule will have on small entities or a certification that the rule will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities. Most filing entities do not fall within the RFA's definition of a small entity.¹² Therefore, the Commission certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

VI. Comment Procedures

The Commission invites interested persons to submit written comments on this proposal.

An original and 14 copies of such comments must be received by the Commission before 5:00 p.m. December 6, 1999. Comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. RM99-12-000.

In addition to filing paper copies, the Commission encourages the filing of comments either on computer diskette or via Internet E-Mail. Comments may be filed in the following formats: WordPerfect 8.0 or below, MS Word Office 97 or lower version, or ASCII format.

For diskette filing, include the following information on the diskette label: Docket No. RM99-12-000; the name of the filing entity; the software and version used to create the file; and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

For Internet E-Mail submittal, comments should be submitted to "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us" in the

following format. On the subject line, specify Docket No. RM99-12-000. In the body of the E-Mail message, include the name of the filing entity; the software and version used to create the file, and the name and telephone number of the contact person. Attach the comment to the E-Mail in one of the formats specified above. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-Mail address upon receipt. Questions on electronic filing should be directed to Brooks Carter at 202-501-8145, E-Mail address brooks.carter@ferc.fed.us.

Commenters should take note that, until the Commission amends its rules and regulations, the paper copy of the filing remains the official copy of the document submitted. Therefore, any discrepancies between the paper filing and the electronic filing or the diskette will be resolved by reference to the paper filing.

All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, during regular business hours. Additionally, comments may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's Home Page using the RIMS or CIPS links. RIMS contains all comments but only those comments submitted in electronic format are available on CIPS. User assistance is available at 202-208-2222, or by E-Mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR 35

Electric power rates, Electric utilities, Electricity, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

By direction of the Commission.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission proposes to amend part 35, Chapter I, Title 18, *Code of Federal Regulations*, as follows.

PART 35—FILING OF RATE SCHEDULES

1. The authority citation for Part 35 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 791-a-825r, 2601-2645; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 710-7352.

2. Section 35.5 is amended by designating the existing text as paragraph (a) and by adding a paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 35.5 Rejection of material submitted for filing.

(a) The Secretary, pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and

¹¹ 5 CFR 1320.11.

¹² See 5 U.S.C. 601(3).

Procedure and delegation of Commission authority, shall reject any material submitted for filing with the Commission which patently fails to substantially comply with the applicable requirements set forth in this Part, or the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(b) A rate filing that fails to comply with this Part may be rejected by the Director of the Office of Electric Power Regulation pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director in § 375.308(a)(3) of this chapter.

3. Section 35.9 is revised to read as follows:

§ 35.9 Identification and numbering of tariffs and rate schedules (including service agreements).

(a) All tariffs and rate schedules (including service agreements) must be numbered sequentially from the beginning of that tariff or rate schedule.

(b) All tariffs and rate schedules (including service agreements) must have the following information placed in the margins of each sheet:

(1) *Identification.* At the top left of each page, the exact name of the company must be shown, under which must be set forth the words "FERC Electric Tariff" or "FERC Electric Rate Schedule No." together with volume identification.

(2) *Numbering of sheets.* Except for the title page, at the top right, the sheet number must appear as "(Original or Revised) Sheet No. (number)." All sheets must be numbered in the manner set forth in the Tariff, Rate Schedule and Service Agreement Pagination Guidelines, as modified from time to time.

(3) *Issuing officer and issue date.* On the lower left must be placed "Issued by:" followed by the name and title of the person authorized to issue the sheet. Immediately below must be placed "Issued on" followed by the date of issue.

(4) *Effective date.* On the lower right must be placed "Effective:" followed by the specific effective date proposed by the company.

(5) *Filings made to comply with Commission orders.* Tariffs and rate schedules (including service agreements) filed to comply with Commission orders must carry the following notation in the bottom margin: "Filed to comply with order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Docket No. (number), issued (date), (FERC Reports citation.)"

§ 35.18 [Removed and Reserved]

4. Section 35.18 is removed and reserved.

Note: This Appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix A to Part 35

Tariff, Rate Schedule and Service Agreement Pagination Guidelines

Due to the complexity of tariff filing situations, the Commission Staff provides the following guidelines. If you have questions or need assistance, please call Tina Lyles at (202) 208-0751 or Brian Stephenson at (202) 208-1277, or such other persons as may be identified from time to time.

(1) **Original Sheets.** Paginate as "Original Sheet No. ____" (a) all pages in initial filings, (b) added sheets, and (c) all sheets in a revised tariff volume. Guideline (11) gives an exception for reserved sheets.

(2) **Substitute Sheets.** Paginate a sheet as "Substitute" if it is filed to replace a sheet filed in the same proceeding (e.g., as a result of a hearing order, or of a correction to a tariff sheet filed prior to the issuance of an order, or of a compliance filing) with the same effective date. If a substitute sheet needs to be replaced, paginate the new sheet as "Second Substitute", and so on. (See Example No. 1.)

(3) **Revised Sheets.** Paginate a sheet as "Revised" if it is (a) replacing a sheet filed in a different proceeding or (b) replacing a sheet filed in the same proceeding but given a new proposed effective date. Each subsequent "Revised" pagination should be numbered sequentially, i.e., First Revised, Second Revised, Third Revised, etc. (See Examples Nos. 1 and 2.)

(4) **Superseded Sheets.** Each designation must refer to the designation of the sheet being superseded, if any. The superseded sheet is the sheet being replaced by a revised sheet. (There is an exception to this guideline for retroactive filings—see Guideline (9).) Never designate a rejected or suspended sheet as the superseded sheet. However, if a sheet designated as superseded is subsequently rejected, it is not necessary to re-file solely to correct the superseded sheet designation. (See Example No. 1.)

(5) **Rejected Sheets.** Do not reuse the pagination of a rejected sheet. Paginate a sheet "Substitute" if it is filed to replace a rejected sheet in the same proceeding, but do not refer to a rejected sheet as the superseded sheet in the designation. (See Guidelines (3) and (4).)

(6) **Alternate Sheets.** When filing two versions of a proposed tariff sheet, paginate the sheet "____ Revised Sheet No. ____" and "Alternate ____ Revised Sheet No. ____". Paginate a replacement alternate sheet "Sub Alternate ____".

(7) **Inserted Sheets.** Paginate sheets inserted between two consecutively numbered sheets using an uppercase letter following the first sheet number (e.g., sheets inserted between sheets 8 and 9 would be 8A, 8B, etc.). For sheets inserted between two consecutively lettered sheets, add a "." followed by a two digit number (e.g., sheets inserted between sheets 8A and 8B would be 8A.01 through 8A.99). For further insertions, add a lowercase letter (e.g., between sheets 8A.01 and 8A.02 would be 8A.01a, 8A.01b, etc.).

(8) **"Squeezed" Sheets.** When a sheet needs to be made effective between two sequentially paginated sheets already on file (all in different proceedings), paginate the new sheet by adding a "1st Rev" designation to the older sheet's pagination. Commonly, this situation occurs when a sheet is suspended for five months and subsequent sheets need to be made effective prior to when the suspended sheet becomes effective. (See Example No. 3.)

(9) **"Retroactive" Sheets.** When filing a "retroactive" sheet change back to a certain date, all sheets in effect from that date forward need to be changed. The first sheet should be paginated either as "Substitute" (see Guideline (3) above) or "1st Rev" (see Guideline (8) above) depending on whether the retroactive filing is in the same or different docket as the sheet being replaced. For simplicity, the rest of the sheets should be paginated as a "Substitute" of each effective sheet already on file. Follow Guideline (4) in designating the superseded sheet for the first new sheet. However, the rest of the sheets should supersede each other in order, even though they are all filed in the same docket. In this way the superseded designation will reflect the latest sheet in effect on each given date. (See Examples Nos. 4 and 5.)

(10) **Canceled Sheets.** When canceling individual sheets, but retaining the tariff or rate schedule, designate a blank sheet as a revised sheet superseding the prior sheet.

(11) **Canceled Tariff or Rate Schedule.** When canceling an entire tariff or rate schedule, file one sheet paginated as the last sheet of the tariff volume or rate schedule and refer to the tariff volume or rate schedule as canceled. (See Example No. 7.)

(12) **Sheets Reserved For Future Use.** When reserving a number of sheets for future use, file one sheet paginated "Sheet Nos. A-Z", where "A" and "Z" refer to the first and last reserved sheet numbers. In the body of the sheet state "Reserved for Future Use." (See Example No. 8.)

(13) **Abbreviations.** Abbreviate from left to right using the Abbreviation Conventions List at the end of this document. *Abbreviate only as needed.* (See Example No. 6.)

The following examples reflect the types of changes and corresponding designations that may be made over the life of a given tariff or rate schedule (all docket numbers and dates are hypothetical, and are not intended to refer to actual proceedings):

Example No. 1

Revised and Substitute Sheets

"Original Sheet No. 4" is filed in Docket No. ER99-44-000 to be effective January 1, 1999. Subsequently, a sheet filed in Docket No. ER99-123-000 is to be effective February 1, 1999. Paginate the latter sheet as "First Revised Sheet No. 4" superseding Original Sheet No. 4". If a mistake is discovered and a corrected sheet needs to be filed in Docket No. ER99-123-001, paginate that sheet "Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 4" superseding Original Sheet No. 4" or "First Revised Sheet No. 4" (whichever may

apply).¹³ Note the superseded sheet is from the prior proceeding.

Docket	Filed	Effective	Pagination	Superseded sheet
ER99-44-000	11/30/98	1/1/99	Original	
ER99-123-000	12/31/98	2/1/99	First Revised	
ER99-123-001 ¹⁴	2/15/99	2/1/99	Sub First Revised	Original. First Revised.

¹⁴ The Commission is issuing a notice contemporaneous with this NOPR informing the public of its intent, should the NOPR become final, to change its assignment of docket numbers to electric filings to a method similar to that used for the gas and oil programs.

If the utility proposes two separate changes to be effective the same date, and the second filing reflects the first filing's proposed changes, then it is appropriate to show the first filing's pagination as superseded.

Docket	Filed	Effective	Pagination	Superseded sheet
ER99-44-000	11/30/98	1/1/99	Original	
ER99-123-000	12/31/98	2/1/99	First Revised	
ER99-124-000	2/15/99	2/1/99	Second Revised	Original. First Revised.

Example No. 2

Sheets Effective on the Same Date

"Second Revised Sheet No. 4" is filed in Docket No. ER99-200-000 to be effective April 1, 1999. Subsequently, a sheet is filed in Docket No. ER99-504-000 to be effective on the same date. Paginate that sheet with the next revision number, "Third Revised Sheet No. 4" even though it is to be effective on the same date.

Docket	Filed	Effective	Pagination	Superseded sheet
ER99-200-000	2/28/99	4/1/99	Second Revised	
ER99-504-000	3/31/99	4/1/99	Third Revised	Sub First Rev. Second Rev.

Example No. 3

Squeezed Sheets

"Fourth Revised Sheet No. 4" is filed July 31, 1999, in Docket No. ER99-601-000 to be effective September 1, 1999. An order suspends this sheet until February 1, 2000. Subsequently, two filings are made to be effective prior to February 1, 2000. Paginate these sheets as "1st Rev Third Revised Sheet No. 4" and "2nd Rev Third Revised Sheet No. 4". The utility will be required, if necessary, to file revised tariff sheets to update the suspended tariff sheets to include any changes to the tariff sheets that have been accepted by the Commission between the date of the suspension and the effective date of the suspended rates. When filing to update the revised tariff sheets, paginate the revised tariff sheet as "Sub Fourth Revised Sheet No. 4". Note: using the alphanumeric "1st, 2nd" for the additional revision number assists in keeping the pagination clear.

Docket	Filed	Effective	Pagination	Superseded sheet
ER99-601-000	7/31/99	2/1/00	Fourth Revised	
ER99-761-000	8/31/99	10/1/99	1st Rev Third Rev	Third Revised.
ER00-822-000	10/31/99	11/1/99	2nd Rev Third Rev	Third Revised.
ER99-601-001	1/31/00	2/1/00	Sub Fourth Revised	1st Rev Third Rev. 2nd Rev Third Rev.

Example No. 4

Retroactive Sheets

The sheet paginated in Example No. 1, "Sub First Revised Sheet No. 4" filed in Docket No. ER99-123-001 is in effect February 1, 1999, subject to the resolution of issues. A year later, settlement is reached resulting in a restatement of base rates back to that date. The revised sheets filed under Docket No. ER99-123-002 (using prior examples):

Docket	Filed	Effective	Pagination	Superseded sheet
ER99-123-002	2/15/99	2/1/99 4/1/99 4/1/99 10/1/99 11/1/99 2/1/00	2nd Sub First Revised, Sub Second Revised, Sub Third Revised, Sub 1st Rev Third Rev, Sub 2nd Rev Third Rev, 2nd Sub Fourth Rev	Sub First Revised. 2nd Sub First Rev. Sub Second Rev. Sub Third Rev. Sub 1st Rev Third Rev. Sub 2nd Rev Third Rev.

Example No. 5

Retroactive Sheets

Continuing from Example 4, a subsequent tracker filing retroactive to November 1, 1999:

Docket	Filed	Effective	Pagination	Superseded sheet
ER00-77-000	4/30/00	11/1/99	3rd Rev Third Rev	Sub 2nd Rev Third Rev.

¹³ The Commission is issuing a notice contemporaneous with this NOPR informing the

public of its intent, should the NOPR become final, to change its assignment of docket numbers to

electric filings to a method similar to that used for the gas and oil programs.

Docket	Filed	Effective	Pagination	Superseded sheet
	2/1/00	3rd Sub Fourth Rev	3rd Rev Third Rev.

Example No. 6

Abbreviations

Abbreviate "Fourth Revised Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 4" as "4th Rev Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 4".

Example No. 7

Canceled Rate Schedules and Tariffs

To cancel FERC Electric Rate Schedule FERC No. 26, which consists of sheets 1–39, file "Original Sheet No. 40":

Company name	Original sheet No. 40
FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 26	Cancels FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 26.

Notice of Cancellation.

Example No. 8

Reserved Sheets

Your general terms and conditions end on page 75 and you want to reserve sheets 76 through 99 for future use:

Electric company	Sheet Nos. 76 through 99
FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2.	

Sheet Nos. 76 through 99 are reserved for future use.

Abbreviation Conventions List

Substitute: Sub
Alternate: Alt
Revised: Rev
First, Second, etc.: 1st, 2nd, etc.
Sheet No.: (omit these words)

SAMPLE PAGE

Day and light power company	Original sheet No. 4
FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1: Issued by: Harriet Officer, Rates Manager	Effective: July 1, 2000. Issued on: June 10, 2000

To comply with order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Docket No. ER99-5374-000, issued October 27, 1999, 90 FERC ¶ 61,010 (1999).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****26 CFR Part 1**

[REG-115932-99]

RIN 1545-AX60

Reopenings of Treasury Securities and Other Debt Instruments; Original Issue Discount

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations, notice of proposed

rulemaking, and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document proposes, by cross reference to temporary regulations, amendments to the final regulations concerning the Federal income tax treatment of certain reopenings of Treasury securities. The temporary regulations, published in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, remove the requirement that the issuance of the Treasury securities in the reopening must be intended to alleviate an acute, protracted shortage of the original securities. The text of the temporary regulations also serves as the text of the proposed regulations. This document also contains proposed regulations that would provide guidance on the Federal income tax treatment of reopenings of debt instruments other than Treasury securities. The proposed regulations would provide guidance to holders and issuers of debt instruments. This

document also provides notice of a public hearing on the proposed regulations.

DATES: Written and electronic comments must be received by February 3, 2000. Requests to appear and outlines of topics to be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for March 22, 2000, at 10 a.m., must be received by March 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-115932-99), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-115932-99), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet by selecting the "Tax Regs" option of the IRS Home Page or by submitting comments directly to the IRS Internet