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List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 382

Annual charges.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Bailey did not participate in this decision.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission proposes to amend Part 382, Chapter I, Title 18 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, as set forth below.

PART 382—ANNUAL CHARGES

1. The authority citation for Part 382 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 551-557; 15 U.S.C. 717-717w, 3301-3432; 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r, 2601-2645; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352; 49 U.S.C. 60502; 49 App. U.S.C. 1-85.

§ 382.102 [Amended]

2. In section 382.102 paragraphs (h), (i), (j) and (k) are removed and paragraphs (l), (m), (n), (o) and (p) are redesignated as (h), (i), (j), (k) and (l), respectively.

3. Section 382.201 is revised to read as follows:

§ 382.201 Annual charges under Parts II and III of the Federal Power Act and related statutes.

(a) *Determination of costs to be assessed to public utilities.* The adjusted costs of administration of the electric regulatory program, excluding the costs of regulating the Power Marketing Agencies, will be assessed to public utilities.

(b) *Determination of annual charges to be assessed to public utilities.* The costs determined under paragraph (a) of this section will be assessed as annual charges to each public utility based on the proportion of the megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce of each public utility in the immediately preceding reporting year (either a calendar year or fiscal year, depending on which accounting convention is used by the public utility to be charged) to the sum of the megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce in the immediately preceding reporting year of all public utilities being assessed annual charges.

(c) *Reporting requirement.* (1) For purposes of computing annual charges,

as of January 1, 2002, a public utility, as defined in § 382.102(b), must submit under oath to the Office of the Secretary by April 30 of each year an original and conformed copies of the following information (designated as FERC Reporting Requirement No. 582 (FERC-582)): the total megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce, which for purposes of computing the annual charges and for purposes of this reporting requirement, will be measured by the sum of the megawatt-hours of all unbundled transmission (including MWh received in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the megawatt-hours were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). This information should be reported to 3 decimal places; e.g., 3,105 KWh will be reported as 3.105 MWh.

(2) Corrections to the information reported on FERC-582, as of January 1, 2002, must be submitted under oath to the Office of the Secretary on or before the end of each calendar year in which the information was originally reported (i.e., on or before the last day of the year that the Commission is open to accept such filings, e.g., on or before December 31, 2002, etc.)

(d) *Determination of annual charges to be assessed to power marketing agencies.* The adjusted costs of administration of the electric regulatory program as it applies to Power Marketing Agencies will be assessed against each power marketing agency based on the proportion of the megawatt-hours of sales of each power marketing agency in the immediately preceding reporting year (either a calendar year or fiscal year, depending on which accounting convention is used by the power marketing agency to be charged) to the sum of the megawatt-hours of sales in the immediately preceding reporting year of all power marketing agencies being assessed annual charges.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

36 CFR Part 1234

RIN 3095-AA94

Elimination of Requirement to Rewind Computer Tapes

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NARA proposes to revise its regulations to eliminate the requirement that Federal agencies rewind under controlled tension all computer tapes containing unscheduled or permanent records every 3½ years. This change would affect Federal agencies that store unscheduled or permanent records on computer open-reel tapes or tape cartridges.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Regulation Comment Desk, NPLN, Room 4100, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland, 20740-6001. You may also fax comments to (301) 713-7270.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Allard or Shawn Morton at (301) 713-7360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed rule eliminates the requirement for Federal agencies to rewind under controlled tension all tapes containing unscheduled or permanent electronic records every 3½ years which is contained in 36 CFR 1234.30(g)(3). This requirement was imposed to address the maintenance and storage of open-reel computer tapes. After tape cartridges became commonplace, computer centers generally did not periodically rewind cartridges. A study conducted by NIST in 1991 concluded that periodic retensioning of computer tape cartridges is unnecessary. In addition, recent electrical engineering studies have questioned whether open-reel tapes should be periodically rewound. Another 1991 NIST study found that the process of rewinding tapes may actually harm them, and would outweigh the benefits associated with storing tapes rewound under controlled tension.

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, it is hereby certified that this proposed rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because it applies to Federal agencies.

List of subjects in 36 CFR Part 1234

Archives and records, Computer technology.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the National Archives and Records Administration proposes to amend 36 CFR Part 1234 to read as follows:

PART 1234—ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT**Subpart C—Standards for the Creation, Use, Preservation, and Disposition of Electronic Records**

1. The authority citation for part 1234 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 44 USC 2104a; 44 USC 2904c.

§ 1234.30 [Amended]

2. In § 1234.30, remove paragraph (g)(3) and redesignate paragraphs (g)(4) through (g)(7) as paragraphs (g)(3) through (g)(6) respectively.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

John W. Carlin,

Archivist of the United States.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[MD082–3028b; FRL–6531–2]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan for the Baltimore Ozone Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to convert its conditional approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland to a full approval. The revision consists of the 15 percent rate of progress requirements for the Baltimore severe ozone nonattainment area. EPA is also proposing to approve revisions to certain portions of the 1990 base year emissions inventory of volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions for the Baltimore nonattainment area. In the Final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is converting its conditional approval of the Baltimore area's 15% Plan to a full approval and approving revisions to the 1990 base year emissions inventory as a direct final rule without prior proposal

because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by March 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristeen Gaffney, (215) 814–2092, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at gaffney.kristeen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: January 14, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[MD059–3049b; FRL–6530–9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland, Post-1996 Rate of Progress Plan for Cecil County and Revisions to the 1990 Base Year Emissions Inventory

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland for the purpose of establishing the three percent per year emission reduction rate-of-progress requirement for the period 1996–1999 for the Maryland portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton ozone nonattainment area, namely Cecil County, Maryland. EPA is also approving revisions to the 1990 base year inventory of ozone precursor emissions submitted by the State of Maryland for Cecil County. EPA is approving the State's SIP submittals as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as noncontroversial submittals and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

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