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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 2

[Docket No. RM98-9-000; Order No. 603]

#### Revision of Existing Regulation Under Part 157 and Related Sections of the Commission's Regulations Under the Natural Gas Act; Correction

March 31, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") published in the *Federal Register* of May 14, 1999, a document updating its regulations governing the filing of applications for the construction and operation of facilities to provide service or to abandon facilities or service under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. Two amendatory instructions for Part 2 were incorrectly stated. This document corrects those amendatory instructions.

**DATES:** Effective on April 7, 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") published in the *Federal Register* of May 14, 1999, a document updating its regulations governing the filing of applications for the construction and operation of facilities to provide service or to abandon facilities or service under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. Two amendatory instructions for Part 2 were

incorrectly stated. This document corrects those amendatory instructions.

In rule FR Doc. 99-11247, published on May 14, 1999 (64 FR 26571), make the following corrections.

1. On page 26603, in the first column, correct amendatory instruction 2 to read as follows:

"2. In § 2.1, paragraph (a)(1)(viii) is removed."

2. On page 26603, in the first column, correct amendatory instruction 3 to read as follows:

"3. In § 2.55, paragraph (a) is revised; (b)(1)(ii) is revised; (b)(4) heading is removed; (b)(4)(i) is removed and (b)(4)(ii) is redesignated as (b)(4); and paragraph (d) is removed and reserved, to read as follows:"

Dated: March 31, 2000.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM99-12-000; Order No. 614]

#### Designation of Electric Rate Schedule Sheets

Issued March 31, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is amending its regulations to require prospectively the inclusion of a proposed designation for all rate schedule sheets filed with the Commission by public utilities. This rule will streamline rate schedule sheet designation procedures for the Commission and the electric industry. This rule will also 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This final rule will become effective on June 1, 2000.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is amending its regulations to require prospectively the inclusion of a proposed designation<sup>1</sup> on all rate schedule sheets filed with the Commission by public utilities.<sup>2</sup> This rule will streamline rate schedule sheet designation procedures for the Commission and the electric industry.

This rule will conform the procedures for identifying public utility tariff filings with those for interstate natural gas and oil pipelines.<sup>3</sup> This revision to the

<sup>1</sup> For purposes here, "designation" refers to the practice of assigning rate schedule numbers as well as sheet designations, for purposes of identification and document tracking.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this rule, use of the term "rate schedule" refers to three types of filings: sets of terms and conditions for service offered to all who qualify for the service, such as an Open Access Transmission Tariff; agreements with specific terms for service negotiated between named seller(s) and buyer(s), such as a Facilities Agreement or Coordination Agreement; or form agreements under which a specific customer takes service under a tariff.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission is adopting the gas program's pagination guidelines as the model for the electric program for several reasons. The gas guidelines use unique tariff sheet designations that, once assigned, cannot be reused. Therefore, the applicants, the Commission, and the public will have a common point of reference for every rate schedule sheet without the need for further identifiers, such as the date of filing or the docket number. Further, the gas guidelines provide for the use of standardized nomenclature, which conveys important information about the applicants' filings (e.g. a proposed change in the tariff pursuant to FPA section 205 ("Third Revised Sheet No.)) or a

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