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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Chapter I

[Docket No. RM02-9-001; Order No. 626]

Electronic Filing of Form 1, and Elimination of Certain Designated Schedules in FERC Form Nos. 1 and 1-F

December 26, 2002.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: In this correction, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is correcting its Final Rule and identifying what designated lines and schedules in Form No. 1-F should be retained or eliminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective on January 2, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman; William L. Massey, and Nora Mead Brownell.

Correction of Final Rule

On May 16, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. 626, a Final Rule that provided for electronic filing of FERC Form No. 1 and the elimination of certain designated schedules in FERC Form Nos. 1 and 1-F.¹ In this correction, the Commission is correcting its Final Rule and identifying what designated lines and schedules in Form

No. 1-F (Form 1-F), principally in the Comparative Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income for the Year, should be retained or eliminated.

The following schedules or parts of schedules are eliminated from Form 1-F:

[sbull] Data on Security Holders and Voting Powers (Part X, P. 18).

(Nonmajor utilities should continue to report Data on Officers and Directors (Part XI, P. 18), however.)

[sbull] Number of Electric Department Employees (P. 323).

The Commission corrects the Final Rule by not eliminating the following from the Form 1-F: Nonutility Property (121, P. 110); Capital Stock Subscribed, Capital Stock Liability for Conversion, Premium on Capital Stock, and Installments Received on Capital Stock (252, P. 112); Discount on Capital Stock (254, P. 112); Particulars Concerning Certain Income Deduction and Interest Charges (340, P. 117); Electric Distribution Meters and Line Transformers (429, lines 63 & 65, P. 206); and Allowance for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction in Construction Overheads—Electric (217, P. 8). These line items contain accounts reflected in the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts that are needed to provide an accurate and complete reporting of a utility's accounting for transactions and events, and to provide relevant non-financial information related to its operations.

By the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Part 250

RIN 1010-AC93

Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Document Incorporated by Reference—API RP 14C

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Corrections to final regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final regulations published on August 9, 2002 (67 FR 51757). The final rule related to updating one document incorporated by reference in regulations governing oil, gas, and sulphur operations in the Outer

Continental Shelf (OCS). The final rule updated the American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 14C document to the Seventh Edition, March 2001. The new edition allows lessees to use updated industry standard technologies while operating in the OCS. The corrections being made are non-substantive and are necessary for clarification purposes only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 9, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wilbon A. Rhome, (703) 787-1587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final regulations that are the subject of these corrections revised the incorporated-by-reference API document RP 14C, for Analysis, Design, Installation and Testing of Basic Surface Safety Systems for Offshore Production Platforms, to incorporate the new Seventh Edition of API RP 14C. MMS determined that:

[sbull] Incorporating into regulations the Seventh Edition that specifies a reduced testing frequency will not jeopardize the use of the best and safest technologies.

[sbull] The changes between the old and new editions represent new industry standard technology and will not impose undue cost on the offshore oil and gas industry.

[sbull] The changes to our regulations will eliminate the need for industry to request certain departures from the regulations.

Based on the determinations, the final rulemaking incorporated the new Seventh Edition of API RP 14C. The final rule also made corresponding revisions to the appropriate regulatory sections that reference API RP 14C.

The 30 CFR part 250 regulations incorporate many industry standards. Section 250.198 describes our documents incorporated by reference policy and procedures, and meets the **Federal Register** (FR) legal requirements for incorporating documents by reference. Section 250.198 also provides a complete list of all incorporated documents and the corresponding regulatory cites.

The legal department of the FR reviews all Final Rulemaking actions when they incorporate documents by reference into agencies' regulations. Upon review of the final rule that is the subject of this correction, the FR legal department advised us that whenever our regulations cite a document incorporated by reference, the regulation must refer readers to § 250.198. The FR specified that the statement "incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198" be inserted

¹ 67 FR 36093 (May 23, 2002), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,130 (May 16, 2002).

following the cited document. The FR allowed that we could revise our regulations to incorporate this insertion as part of final rulemaking actions that affect specific documents incorporated by reference. In this case, a final rulemaking action affected API 14C.

Need for Correction

On page 51760 of the FR publication of the final rule, "instruction number 5.C" redesignated the previously designated §§ 250.804(a)(4) through (a)(11) to §§ 250.804 (a)(5) through (a)(12). To accommodate the FR requirements previously discussed, the subsequent instruction number 5.E specified that the second sentence in the newly redesignated paragraph (a)(5) be revised. This instruction contained a typographical error in that the revision should have been made to the newly redesignated paragraph (a)(6) instead. Consequently the redesignated paragraph (a)(5) was incorrectly revised and the redesignated paragraph (a)(6) did not contain the FR required reference to § 250.198.

On page 51759 of the FR publication of the final rule, the revision to the table in § 250.198(e) also incorrectly cited § 250.804(a)(5) instead of (a)(6).

Correction of Publication

PART 250—[CORRECTED]

Part 250 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

1. In § 250.198, in the table in paragraph (e), the entry for "API RP 14C" is corrected by revising citation "(a)(5)" in the second column to read "(a)(6)".

2. Section 250.804 is corrected by revising the second sentence in paragraphs (a)(5) and (a)(6) as follows:

§ 250.804 Production safety-system testing and records.

- (a) * * *
- (5) * * * The SSV's and USV's must be tested in accordance with the test procedures specified in API RP 14H (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198). * * *
- (6) * * * The FSV's must be tested for leakage in accordance with the test procedures specified in API RP 14C, Appendix D, section D4, table D2, subsection D (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198). * * *

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Dated: December 10, 2002.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3001

[Docket No. RM2003-2; Order No. 1357]

Electronic Filing

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule identifies certain categories of documents that may be filed using temporary, rather than permanent, Filing Online accounts. This provides a filing option for situations that may not warrant obtaining permanent account holder status and risking the potential delay or other consequences that may be associated with that effort.

DATES: This change takes effect January 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system, which may be accessed at <http://www.prc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-780-6818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

See 66 FR 33034 (June 20, 2001).

See 67 FR 35766 (May 21, 2002).

See 67 FR 67552 (November 6, 2002).

Introduction

On October 21, 2002, the Commission issued order no. 1349 amending its rules of practice. This order made submitting documents via the Internet using the Commission's Filing Online system the standard method for filing documents in Commission proceedings. The effective date of the new filing system is January 7, 2003.

Under this new filing system, each person intending to participate in Commission proceedings is required to set up a Filing Online account prior to using the Filing Online system to file documents. In order to become an account holder in the Filing Online system, a person must complete, sign, and mail to the Secretary, a hardcopy application. This process requires a modest amount of effort by the applicant, and involves a modest amount of delay. The effort and delay is necessary to effectively link documents with those that file them, to allow principal, agent, and client relationships to be tracked in an orderly way, to ensure that documents are authorized and authentic, and to provide adequate security for the system.

Application and Approval Process

Obtaining a permanent Filing Online account requires the applicant to undertake a number of commitments, and usually takes several days. In addition to providing identifying and contact information, the applicant must request status as a principal account holder or an agent account holder. A person applying to become a principal account holder must assume a contractual duty to ensure that each document that he or she files online is authentic, accurate, and authorized by the participant that the account holder purports to represent. A principal account holder is obligated to notify the Commission when there are changes in his or her authority to file documents on behalf of another participant.

After a person has completed and signed the account holder application, he or she must mail it to the Commission. When the Commission accepts the application, it e-mails the applicant his or her user name and a temporary password. Both are required to log in to Filing Online. After logging in, the account holder selects a permanent password. Several days may elapse between the time that a person applies to become an account holder and the receipt of his permanent password.

The Commission recognizes that this amount of effort and delay might not be necessary or appropriate for certain categories of documents that are filed with the Commission. It has decided to allow such documents to be filed under temporary Filing Online accounts which people may obtain through a simplified and expedited procedure.

Temporary Account Option Available for Certain Documents

The Commission has added rule 9(e) to its rules of practice [39 CFR 3001.9(e)]. This rule allows two categories of documents to be filed under temporary Filing Online accounts. The first category is notices of intervention. A notice of intervention is typically the first document submitted by a participant in a formal hearing. The Commission is aware that those who have not applied for permanent Filing Online accounts might assume that they will be able to apply for a permanent account, gain access to Filing Online, and file a notice of intervention all on the day that notices of intervention are due. First-time participants in a Commission hearing and first-time users of Filing Online may not realize that it could take several days for their signed, hardcopy application for a permanent Filing Online account to be delivered to