Before Commissioners: Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman; Marc Spitzer, Philip D. Moeller, and John R. Norris.

Technical Corrections to Commission’s Regulations

Docket No. RM10–26–000

Order No. 737

Final Rule

Issued July 14, 2010.

I. Introduction

1. This Final Rule corrects a number of the Commission’s regulations to bring them up to date or make them consistent with other provisions. The revisions are intended to be ministerial and/or informational in nature, as explained below.

II. Discussion

A. Minor Revisions Correcting Outdated Nomenclature, Addresses, and Provisions

2. Parts 3b, 46, and 152 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, this Final Rule corrects all references, where appropriate, to the “FPC” (Federal Power Commission; the predecessor to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) to read “FERC” or “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.” Also in these sections, multiple obsolete or outdated references relating to the FERC organizational structure are replaced or updated as appropriate. This Final Rule also revises incorrect references to a former FERC address and deletes regulatory provisions that no longer exist. This Final Rule also removes certain nomenclature to be consistent with other provisions of our regulations. See new 18 CFR 4.12 and 4.22 (2010).

B. Minor Revisions Incorporating by Reference Web Site Language and Removing References to Paper Copies as Part of the Commission’s Filing Procedures

3. For Parts 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 16, 24, 32, 33, 34, 35, 39, 45, 46, 152, 153, 156, 157, 385, and 388, this Final Rule incorporates by reference the “how to file” requirements located on the Commission’s Web site in order to reflect our current electronic filing options. These filing options are routinely modified to capture information and technology updates as well as updates to general filing procedures. In Part 2, a reference to multiple paper copies is replaced by a reference to updated filing procedures as posted on the Commission Web site. FERC now has paperless electronic filing options for nearly all documents submitted to the Commission and references to a certain number of paper copies have been revised.1 Part 4 is

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1 Although electronic submissions are encouraged, the Commission has posted a Quick Reference Guide to Paper Submissions at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing.pdf.

procedural, ministerial or internal administrative actions. 18 CFR 380.4(1) and (5). This Final Rule is therefore exempt.

V. Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

9. The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA) 3 generally requires a description and analysis of final rules that will have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This Final Rule concerns a matter of internal agency procedure and the Commission therefore certifies that it will not have such an impact. An analysis under the RFA is not required.

VI. Document Availability

10. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission’s Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) and in the Commission’s Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

11. From the Commission’s Web site on the Internet, this information is available in the Commission’s document management system, eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

12. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission’s Web site during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at 1–866–208–3676 (toll free) or (202) 502–6652 (email at FERCOnlineSupport@FERC.gov), or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371, TTY 202–502–8659 (email at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov).

VII. Effective Date and Congressional Notification

13. These regulations are effective on the date of publication in the Federal Register. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) (2006), the Commission finds that good cause exists to make this Final Rule effective immediately. It makes minor revisions with respect to matters of internal operations and is unlikely to affect the rights of persons appearing before the Commission. There is therefore no reason to make this rule effective at a later time.

14. The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 801 regarding Congressional review of final rules do not apply to this Final Rule because this Final Rule concerns agency procedure and practice and will not substantially affect the rights of non-agency parties.

15. The Commission is issuing this Final Rule without a period for public comment. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b), notice and comment procedures are unnecessary where a rulemaking concerns only agency procedure and practice, or where the agency finds that notice and comment is unnecessary. This rule concerns only matters of agency procedure and will not significantly affect regulated entities or the general public.

List of Subjects
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18 CFR Part 152
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18 CFR Part 156
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18 CFR Part 157
Administrative practice and procedure, Natural gas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Uniform system of accounts.
18 CFR Part 385
Administrative practice and procedure, Electric power, Penalties, Pipelines, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
18 CFR Part 388
Confidential business information, Freedom of information.

By the Commission.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission is amending parts 2, 3b, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 16, 24, 32, 33, 34, 35, 39, 45, 46, 152, 153, 156, 157, 385, and 388 of Chapter I, Title 18, Code of Federal Regulations, by making the following technical corrections:

PART 2—GENERAL POLICY AND INTERPRETATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 2 continues to read as follows:

Authority: (Secs. 308, 309; 49 Stat. 858; 16 U.S.C. 825g, 825h; secs. 15, 16; 52 Stat. 829, 830; 43401 Federal Register
8. In § 3b.1, in the first sentence, the phrase “mailing” is removed and the phrase “mailing or e-mailing” is added in its place.

§ 2.13 [Amended]
4. In § 2.13, paragraph (b), the phrase “Office of Personnel Programs” is removed and the phrase “Human Resources Division” is added in its place.

§ 3b.203 [Amended]
9–10. In § 3b.203, paragraph (b), the acronym “FPC” is removed and the acronym “FERC” is added in its place, and the phrase “specifically 18 CFR 3.207(e) and 3.228(d)” is removed, and in paragraph (c), the phrase “Director, Office of Personnel Programs” is removed and the phrase “Director, Human Resources Division” is added in its place.

§ 3b.221 [Amended]
11. In § 3b.221, paragraph (d)(2), the phrase “Federal Power Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426” is removed and the phrase “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426” is added in its place.

§ 3b.224 [Amended]
12. In § 3b.224, paragraph (c)(2), the phrase “Federal Power Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426” is removed and the phrase “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426” is added in its place.

PART 4—LICENSES, PERMITS, EXEMPTIONS, AND DETERMINATION OF PROJECT COSTS
13. The authority citation for Part 4 continues to read as follows:

§ 4.4 [Amended]
14. In § 4.4, the phrase “by certified mail” is removed, and the phrase “or if the States have not regulatory agency” is removed and the phrase “or if the State has no regulatory agency” is added in its place.

PART 5—INTEGRATED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS
20. The authority citation for Part 5 continues to read as follows:

§ 5.3 Process selection.
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(d) * * *
(2) * * *
(vi) State that respondents must submit comments to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov.
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PART 8—RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT AT LICENSED PROJECTS

24. The authority citation for Part 8 continues to read as follows:


§ 8.11 [Amended]

25. In § 8.11, paragraph (a)(1), the phrase “shall prepare with respect to each development within such project an original and two copies of FERC Form No. 80 prescribed by § 141.14 of this chapter and submit them to the Commission pursuant to the requirements in the General Information portion of the form” is removed and the phrase “shall prepare with respect to each development within such project a FERC Form No. 80 and submit them to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov.” is added in its place.

PART 9—TRANSFER OF LICENSE OR LEASE OF PROJECT PROPERTY

26. The authority citation for Part 9 continues to read as follows:


§ 9.10 Filing.

Any licensee desiring to lease the project property covered by a license or any part thereof, where the lessee is granted the exclusive occupancy, possession, or use of project works for purposes of generating, transmitting, or distributing power, and the person, association, or corporation, State, or municipality desiring to acquire the project property by lease, must file the proposed lease together with the application in accordance with § 4.32(b)(1) of this chapter. The application and the Commission’s action on it will, in general, be subject to the provisions of §§ 9.1 through 9.3.

PART 11—ANNUAL CHARGES UNDER PART I OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT

28. The authority citation for Part 11 continues to read as follows:


29. In § 11.6(i), the second sentence is revised to read as follows:

§ 11.6 Exemption of State and municipal licensees and exemptees.

(i) * * * The application must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov within the time allowed (by § 11.20) for the payment of the annual charges.” * * * 

PART 16—PROCEDURES RELATING TO TAKEOVER AND RELICENSING OF LICENSED PROJECTS

30. The authority citation for Part 16 continues to read as follows:


§ 16.6 [Amended]

31. In § 16.6(b) introductory text, the phrase “must file with the Commission an original and fourteen copies of” is removed and the phrase “must file with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov” is added in its place.

PART 24—DECLARATION OF INTENTION

32. The authority citation for Part 24 continues to read as follows:


33. In § 24.1, revise the first sentence to read as follows:

§ 24.1 Filing procedure.

A declaration of intention under the provisions of section 23(b) of the Act shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov. * * * * * * * *

PART 26—APPLICATION FOR AUTORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES OR THE ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITIES

40. The authority citation for Part 34 continues to read as follows:


§ 34.3 [Amended]

41. In § 34.3, remove paragraph (k).

42. Section 34.7 is revised to read as follows:

§ 34.7 Filing requirements.

Applications must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov.

PART 32—INTERCONNECTION OF FACILITIES

34. The authority citation for Part 32 is revised to read as follows:


35. In § 32.1, the section heading is revised as set forth below, and the phrase “shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in Part 381 of this chapter” is removed from the introductory text.

§ 32.1 Contents of the application.

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36. Section 32.4 is revised to read as follows:

§ 32.4 Filing procedure.

All applications under Part 32 must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov.
§ 35.33 [Amended]
48. In § 35.33, paragraph (c), the phrase "Commission’s Library, Room 95–01" is removed and the phrase "Commission" is added in its place. The phrase http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html is removed and the phrase http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/cfr/ibr-locations.html is added in its place.

PART 39—RULES CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION; AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, APPROVAL, AND ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY STANDARDS

49. The authority citation for Part 39 continues to read as follows:

§ 39.7 [Amended]
50. In § 39.7, paragraph (d)(6) is removed and paragraph (d)(7) is redesignated as paragraph (d)(6).

PART 45—APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO HOLD INTERLOCKING POSITIONS

51. The authority citation for Part 45 continues to read as follows:

52. Section 45.7 is revised to read as follows:

§ 45.7 Form of application; filing procedure.
Applications, supplemental applications, statements of supplemental information, notices of change, and reports should be filed with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov. Each filing must be dated, signed by the applicant, and verified under oath in accordance with § 385.2005(b) and (c).

53. In § 45.8, the section heading and introductory text are revised to read as follows:

§ 45.8 Contents of application.
Each application shall state the following:

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PART 46—PUBLIC UTILITY FILING REQUIREMENTS AND FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS HOLDING INTERLOCKING POSITIONS

54. The authority citation for Part 46 is revised to read as follows:

55. In § 46.3, the second sentence of paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 46.3 Purchaser list.
(a) * * * * The public utility must submit the list to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov and make the list publicly available through its principal business office.

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§ 46.4 [Amended]
56. In § 46.4 introductory text, the phrase “the Office of the Secretary of the Commission a written statement” is removed and the phrase “the Secretary of the Commission a statement” is added in its place.

57. In § 46.6, the section heading is revised and in paragraph (d)(3), the phrase “shall be available to the public during regular business hours through the Commission’s Office of Public Information” is removed and the phrase “shall be available to the public through the Commission’s eLibrary system on http://www.ferc.gov” is added in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 46.6 Contents of the statement and procedures for filing.

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PART 152—APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, OR MODIFY FACILITIES USED FOR THE EXPORT OR IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS

60. The authority citation for Part 152 continues to read as follows:

61. In § 152.5, the phrase “Federal Power Commission” is removed in each of the two places in which it appears and the phrase “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission” is added in both places.

PART 155—APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, OR MODIFY FACILITIES USED FOR THE EXPORT OR IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS

62. The authority citation for Part 155 continues to read as follows:

63. In § 153.20, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 153.20 General Rule.
(a) Filing procedures. Applications under Subparts B and C must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov.

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PART 156—APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERS UNDER SECTION 7(a) OF THE NATURAL GAS ACT

64. The authority citation for Part 156 is revised to read as follows:

65. In § 156.3, the section heading and paragraph (a) are revised, and in paragraph (b) introductory text, the phrase “shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in part 39 of this chapter and” is removed.

The revisions read as follows:

§ 156.3 Applications; general requirements.
(a) Applicable rules. The application must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov. In all other respects applications shall conform to the requirements of §§ 156.1 through 156.5. Amendments to or withdrawals of applications shall be filed in accordance with the
requirements of §§ 385.213 and 385.214 of this chapter.

PART 157—APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND FOR ORDERS PERMITTING AND APPROVING ABANDONMENT UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE NATURAL GAS ACT

66. The authority citation for Part 157 continues to read as follows:


§ 157.6 [Amended]

67. In § 157.6, paragraph (a)(5) is removed and paragraph (a)(6) is redesignated as paragraph (a)(5), and in paragraph (b) introductory text, the phrase “shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in part 381 of this chapter or a petition for waiver pursuant to § 381.106 of this chapter and” is removed.

PART 385—RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

68. The authority citation for Part 385 continues to read as follows:


§ 385.1901 [Amended]

69. In § 385.1901, in the address given in paragraph (c)(2), the phrase “Suite 8000, 825 North Capitol Street, NE.” is removed and the phrase “888 First Street, NE.” is added in its place.

70. Section 385.2004 is revised to read as follows:

§ 385.2004 Originals and copies of filings (Rule 2004).

The requirements for making filings under this chapter are posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov. The requirements cover documents and forms submitted on paper, on electronic media, or via the Commission’s electronic filing systems.

§ 385.2012 [Amended]

71. In § 385.2012, the phrase “825 North Capitol Street, NE.” is removed and the phrase “888 First Street, NE.” is added in its place.

PART 388—INFORMATION AND REQUESTS

72. The authority citation for Part 388 continues to read as follows:


73. In § 388.112, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 388.112 Requests for special treatment of documents submitted to the Commission.

(b) Procedures. A person claiming that information warrants special treatment as CEII or privileged must file a statement requesting CEII or privileged treatment for some or all of the information in a document, and the justification for special treatment of the information, in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

23 CFR Part 669

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA–2009–0098]

RIN 2125–AF32

Certification of Enforcement of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule sets forth updated FHWA procedures for enforcement of the State registration of vehicles subject to the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT). This rule will bring FHWA’s HVUT regulations up-to-date to be consistent with many changes that have impacted the regulation over the last 2 decades.

DATES: Effective Date: October 25, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing

You may retrieve comments online through the Federal Docket Management System at: http://www.regulations.gov. Regulations.gov is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the Web site.


Background

In the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, Congress established the HVUT. The purpose of the tax is to impose a road use charge that has some relation to the cost caused by the vehicle heavier vehicles cause more road damage than light vehicles, and therefore should pay a higher highway funding contribution. The FHWA Cost Allocation studies 1 demonstrated that damage to the roadway, resulting from a doubling of the weight of a vehicle, caused an exponential increase in the amount of damage to the roadway than would have been caused by a lower weight. To compensate for this additional damage (costs occasioned), Congress established the HVUT as a way to recover from those vehicles the additional costs they impose. The HVUT imposes a tax on vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds and over using a sliding scale up to $550 per year payable to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). When the HVUT has been paid, the vehicle is eligible to be registered by the State. Provisions allow for temporary and partial-year vehicle registrations.

The FHWA’s responsibility in the administration of the HVUT is to ensure that the States are obtaining proof-of-payment of the HVUT before registering these vehicles to operate on the roadways. The agency published regulations at 23 CFR Part 669 implementing the requirements of this program as established by Federal law at 23 U.S.C. 141(c). In accordance with this Federal law, a State’s annual apportionment of Interstate Maintenance funds under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(4) may be reduced by up to 25 percent in any fiscal year during which heavy vehicles subject to HVUT may be lawfully registered in the State without having presented proof-of-payment of the tax. Part 669 established a certification program to ascertain State compliance with these requirements.