

§ 250.22 Applications and declarations.

(a) *Joinder.* As far as practicable combined or joint applications or declarations shall be filed with respect to the same or related transactions or where related questions of law or fact are involved, and the Commission will dispose of the matter simultaneously or otherwise as may be appropriate.

(b) *Incorporation by reference.* (1) If any information required to be filed in any application or declaration is contained in any document previously or concurrently filed with the Commission pursuant to any Act administered by it, the application or declaration may, subject to the limitations of § 228.10(f) and § 229.10(d) of this chapter, incorporate such information by exact and specific reference to the filing in which it was physically filed. The Commission may refuse to permit incorporation by reference in any instance where, in its opinion, such incorporation is confusing, misleading or inadequate.

(2) *Electronic filings.* Any application or declaration filed in electronic format may incorporate by reference any information contained in any document previously or concurrently filed with the Commission under any Act administered by it, provided that, if amended, the document or amendment has been filed in accordance with the requirements of rule 102 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.102 of this chapter). Such information shall be incorporated by specific reference to the electronic filing in which it was filed, including the filer's name, the file number, the form type and the date filed.

(c) *Verification.* All applications and declarations shall be appropriately verified by an authorized officer of the applicant of declarant having knowledge of the facts, except as otherwise specifically provided in the applicable form.

(d) *Formal specifications.* All applications, declarations, certificates and statements, and any amendments thereto, shall be filed in triplicate. One copy shall be signed but the other two copies may have facsimile or typed signatures. Applications and declarations, amendments thereto, and where practicable, all papers filed as a part thereof shall be on good quality, unglazed,

white paper, no larger than 8½ x 11 inches in size. To the extent that the reduction of larger documents would render them illegible, such documents may be filed on paper larger than 8½ x 11 inches in size. All documents filed shall be bound on the left side in such manner as to leave the reading matter legible, and shall be printed, lithographed, mimeographed, typewritten, or prepared by any process which, in the opinion of the Commission, produces copies suitable for permanent records and microfilming. Irrespective of the process used, all copies of such material shall be clear, easily readable and suitable for repeated photocopying. Debits and credits in financial statements shall be clearly distinguishable as such on photocopies.

(e) The manually signed original (or in the case of duplicate originals, one duplicate original) of all registrations, applications, statements, reports, or other documents filed under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, shall be numbered sequentially (in addition to any internal numbering which otherwise may be present) by handwritten, typed, printed, or other legible form of notation from the facing page of the document through the last page of that document and any exhibits or attachments thereto. Further the total number of pages contained in a numbered original shall be set forth on the first page of the document.

(f) *Proposed notice.* A proposed notice of the proceeding initiated by the filing of an application or a declaration shall accompany each application or declaration as an exhibit thereto and, if necessary, shall be modified to reflect any amendments to such application or declaration.

(Sec. 19, 48 Stat. 85, as amended, secs. 13, 15, 23, 48 Stat. 894, 895, 901, as amended, sec. 15, 49 Stat. 828, secs. 305, 307, 314, 319, 53 Stat. 1154, 1156, 1167, 1173, as amended, secs. 38, 39, 54 Stat. 841; 15 U.S.C. 77s, 78m, 78o, 78w, 79o, 77eee, 77ggg, 77nnn, 77sss, 80a-37, 80a-38; 15 U.S.C. 79c and 79t (49 Stat. 810, 833); 15 U.S.C. 80w-37, 30c-39 (54 Stat. 841, 342); 15 U.S.C. 80b-3, 80b-4, 80b-11 (54 Stat. 850, 852, 855))

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