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§ 4.14 Hearing upon report.

(a) *Public hearing.* After the expiration of the time within which a protest may be filed, a public hearing will be ordered in accordance with subpart E of part 385 of this chapter.

(b) *Commission determination.* After the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission will make a finding of fair value, accompanied by an order which will be served upon the licensee and all parties to the proceeding. One copy of the order shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Commission.

(c) *Adjustment to licensee's books.* The licensee's books of account for the project shall be adjusted to conform to the fair value of the project as revised by the order of the Commission. These adjustments and the project may be audited by Commission representatives, as scheduled.

[Order 53, 44 FR 61949, Oct. 29, 1979, as amended by Order 225, 47 FR 19056, May 3, 1982]

Subpart C—Determination of Cost of Constructed Projects not Subject to Section 23(a) of the Act

§ 4.20 Initial statement.

(a) *Notification of Commission.* In all cases where licenses are issued for projects already constructed, but which are not subject to the provisions of section 23(a) of the Act (49 Stat. 846; 16 U.S.C. 816), the licensee shall, within 6 months after the date of issuance of license, file with the Commission a letter, in quadruplicate.

(b) *Contents of letter.* The letter referred to in paragraph (a) of this section shall contain a statement to the effect that an inventory in detail of all property included under the license, as of the effective date of such license, has been completed. The letter shall also include a statement to the effect that actual legitimate original cost, or if not known, the estimated original cost, and accrued depreciation of the property, classified by prime accounts as prescribed in the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts, have been established.

(c) *Licensee's books.* The licensee's books of account for each project shall

be maintained in such a fashion that each year's additions, betterments, and deletions to the project may be readily ascertained.

(d) *Availability of information to the public.* The information made available to the Commission in accordance with this section must be available for inspection and copying by the public when specifically requested.

(e) *Compliance with the Act.* Compliance with the provisions of this section satisfies the filing requirements of section 4(b) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 797(b)).

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§ 4.21 Reports.

Representatives of the Commission will inspect the project works, engineering reports, and other records of the project, check the inventory and estimated depreciation, make an audit of the books, records, and accounts of the licensee relating to the property under license, and prepare a report of their findings with respect to the inventory, the original cost of the property, and the estimated accrued depreciation thereon.

§ 4.22 Service of report.

Copies of such report will be served by certified mail upon said licensees, and copies will also be sent to the State public service commission, or if the State has no regulatory agency, to the Governor of the State where such project is located, and to such other parties as the Commission shall prescribe, and the report will be made available for public inspection at the time of service upon the licensee.

(Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 551-557 (1976); Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 291-628 (1976 & Supp. V 1981), Dept. of Energy Organization Act 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352 (Supp. V 1981); E.O. 12009, 3 CFR 142 (1978))

[Order 141, 12 FR 8485, Dec. 19, 1947, as amended by Order 344, 48 FR 49010, Oct. 24, 1983]

§ 4.23 Time for filing protest.

Thirty days after service thereof will be allowed to such licensee within which to file a protest to such reports. If no protest is filed within the time allowed, the Commission will issue such

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order as may be appropriate. If a protest is filed, a public hearing will be ordered in accordance with subpart E of part 385 of this chapter.

[Order 141, 12 FR 8485, Dec. 19, 1947, as amended by Order 225, 47 FR 19056, May 3, 1982]

§ 4.24 Determination of cost.

The Commission, after receipt of the reports, or after the conclusion of the hearing if one is held, will determine the amounts to be included in the electric plant accounts of the licensee as the cost of the property and the accrued depreciation thereon.

§ 4.25 Findings.

(a) *Commission determination.* Final action by the Commission will be in the form of an order served upon all parties to the proceeding. One copy of the order shall be furnished to the Secretary of Treasury by the Commission.

(b) *Adjustment to licensee's books.* The licensee's books of account for the project shall be adjusted to conform to the actual legitimate cost as revised by the order of the Commission. These adjustments and the project may be audited by Commission representatives, as scheduled.

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Subpart D—Application for Preliminary Permit, License or Exemption: General Provisions

AUTHORITY: Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 792-828c; Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352; E.O. 12009, 42 FR 46267; Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2601-2645; Pub. L. 96-511, 94 Stat. 2812 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

§ 4.30 Applicability and definitions.

(a) (1) This subpart applies to applications for preliminary permit, license, or exemption from licensing.

(2) Any potential applicant for an original license for which prefiling consultation begins on or after July 23, 2005 and which wishes to develop and file its application pursuant to this part, must seek Commission authorization to do so pursuant to the provisions of part 5 of this chapter.

(b) For the purposes of this part—

(1)(i) *Competing development application* means any application for a license or exemption from licensing for a proposed water power project that would develop, conserve, and utilize, in whole or in part, the same or mutually exclusive water resources that would be developed, conserved, and utilized by a proposed water power project for which an initial preliminary permit or initial development application has been filed and is pending before the Commission.

(ii) *Competing preliminary permit application* means any application for a preliminary permit for a proposed water power project that would develop, conserve, and utilize, in whole or in part, the same or mutually exclusive water resources that would be developed, conserved and utilized by a proposed water power project for which an initial preliminary permit or initial development application has been filed and is pending before the Commission.

(2) *Conduit* means any tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity. The term *not primarily for the generation of electricity* includes but is not limited to a conduit:

(i) Which was built for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and is operated for such a purpose; and

(ii) To which a hydroelectric facility has been or is proposed to be added.

(3) *Construction of a dam*, for the purposes of provisions governing application for exemption of a small conduit hydroelectric facility, means any construction, repair, reconstruction, or modification of a dam that creates a new impoundment or increases the normal maximum surface elevation or the normal maximum surface area of an existing impoundment.

(4)(i) *Dam*, for the purposes of provisions governing application for license of a major project—existing dam, means any structure for impounding or diverting water.

(ii) *Dam*, for the purposes of provisions governing application for exemption of a small conduit hydroelectric