

**§ 284.505**

(b) A storage service provider granted the authority to charge market-based rates under §284.503 is required to notify the Commission within 10 days of acquiring knowledge of significant changes occurring in its market power status. Such notification should include a detailed description of the new facilities/services and their relationship to the storage service provider. Significant changes include, but are not limited to:

- (1) The storage provider expanding its storage capacity beyond the amount authorized in this proceeding;
- (2) The storage provider acquiring transportation facilities or additional storage capacity;
- (3) An affiliate providing storage or transportation services in the same market area; and
- (4) The storage provider or an affiliate acquiring an interest in or is acquired by an interstate pipeline.

**§284.505 Market-based rates for storage providers without a market-power determination.**

(a) Any storage service provider seeking market-based rates for storage capacity, pursuant to the authority of section 4(f) of the Natural Gas Act, related to a specific facility put into service after August 8, 2005, may apply for market-based rates by complying with the following requirements:

- (1) The storage service provider must demonstrate that market-based rates are in the public interest and necessary to encourage the construction of the storage capacity in the area needing storage services; and
- (2) The storage service provider must provide a means of protecting customers from the potential exercise of market power.

(b) Any storage service provider seeking market-based rates for storage capacity pursuant to this section will be presumed by the Commission to have market power.

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**§ 286.101 Application for stay.**

(a) *General rule.* Any person who believes that any provision of a final or interim regulation issued under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 is unlawful as applied to such person may file an application for stay.

(b) *Content of application.* The application shall state, clearly and concisely:

- (1) The provision of the regulation, by section, paragraph, subparagraph and clause, as appropriate, which applicant seeks to have stayed;
- (2) The conditions which the applicant believes require the stay, including the irreparable injury which the applicant believes will result if the stay is not granted; and
- (3) The factual and legal basis for applicant’s contention that the final or interim regulation is unlawful.

(c) *Filing requirements.* The application shall be under oath. An original and three conformed copies shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

(d) *Commission action.* The Commission may grant the application, in whole or in part, by issuing an order specifying the scope of the stay granted and the effective dates of the stay.

[43 FR 57599, Dec. 8, 1978, as amended at 44 FR 13473, Mar. 12, 1979]

**§ 286.102 Application for rehearing.**

(a) *General rule.* Any person aggrieved by any order or regulation or any amendment to a regulation issued under the NGPA and subject to judicial review under section 506(a) or (b) thereof shall file a petition for rehearing within 30 days after the order or regulation is issued by the Commission or February 3, 1979, whichever is later. There has not been an exhaustion of

administrative remedies until a petition for rehearing has been filed under this section and the proceeding is complete by the denial of the request, or if rehearing is granted, an order affirming, modifying or revoking the challenged order or regulation is issued.

(b) *Specifications of error.* The application for rehearing shall state clearly and concisely with respect to the challenged order or regulation:

(1) The provision of the order or the regulation, by section, and where appropriate, by paragraph;

(2) Applicant's interest in the particular provision; and

(3) The facts and legal analysis upon which the request for rehearing is based.

(c) *Procedural requirements.* Except as otherwise provided in this section, the procedures for rehearing in § 385.713 of this chapter shall apply.

(d) *Commission action upon the application.* (1) The Commission may grant the request for rehearing, in whole or in part, by issuing an order specifying the scope of rehearing. If, and to the extent that rehearing is granted, the Commission may request Staff, applicant or any other party to file briefs. In every case where rehearing is granted, the Commission will issue an order affirming, modifying or revoking the challenged order or regulation.

(2) The Commission may modify the original order or regulation without further hearing.

(3) Unless the Commission acts upon the application within 30 days after it is filed, such application shall be considered to have been denied. If the Commission grants rehearing in part, any part of the application outside the scope of the order granting rehearing shall be considered to have been denied.

[44 FR 2383, Jan. 11, 1979, as amended by Order 225, 47 FR 19058, May 3, 1982]

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#### § 286.103 Notice to audited person.

An audit conducted by the Commission's staff under authority of the Nat-

ural Gas Policy Act may result in a notice of deficiency or audit report or similar document containing a finding or findings that the audited person has not complied with a requirement of the Commission with respect to, but not limited to, the following: A filed tariff or tariffs, contracts, data, records, accounts, books, communications or papers relevant to the audit of the audited person; matters under the Standards of Conduct or the Code of Conduct; and the activities or operations of the audited person. The notice of deficiency, audit report or similar document may also contain one or more proposed remedies that address findings of noncompliance. Where such findings, with or without proposed remedies, appear in a notice of deficiency, audit report or similar document, such document shall be provided to the audited person, and the finding or findings, and any proposed remedies, shall be noted and explained. The audited person shall timely indicate in a written response any and all findings or proposed remedies, or both, in any combination, with which the audited person disagrees. The audited person shall have 15 days from the date it is sent the notice of deficiency, audit report or similar document to provide a written response to the audit staff indicating any and all findings or proposed remedies, or both, in any combination, with which the audited person disagrees, and such further time as the audit staff may provide in writing to the audited person at the time the document is sent to the audited person. The audited person may move the Commission for additional time to provide a written response to the audit staff and such motion shall be granted for good cause shown. Any initial order that the Commission subsequently may issue with respect to the notice of deficiency, audit report or similar document shall note, but not address on the merits, the finding or findings, or the proposed remedy or remedies, or both, in any combination, with which the audited person disagreed. The Commission shall provide the audited person 30 days to respond to the initial Commission order concerning a notice of deficiency, audit report or similar document with respect to the finding or