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in accordance with §381.106 of this chapter.

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### § 375.305 Delegations to the Solicitor.

The Commission authorizes the Solicitor, or the Solicitor's designee to:

(a) File with the appropriate court of the United States a certified list of the materials comprising the record of any proceeding which involves the Commission;

(b) Retain appropriate materials; and

(c) Deliver such materials to the court as required.

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### § 375.307 Delegations to the Director of the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates.

The Commission authorizes the Director or the Director's designee to:

(a) Pass upon any uncontested application for authorization to issue securities or to assume obligations and liabilities, filed by public utilities and licensees pursuant to part 34 of this chapter.

(b) Take appropriate action on the following types of uncontested applications for authorizations and uncontested amendments to applications and authorizations and impose appropriate conditions:

(1) Applications by a pipeline for the deletion of delivery points but not facilities;

(2) Applications to abandon pipeline services, but not facilities, involving a specific customer or customers, if such customer or customers have agreed to the abandonment;

(3) Applications for temporary or permanent certificates (and for amendments thereto) for services, but not facilities, in connection with the transportation, exchange or storage of natural gas, provided that the cost of construction of the certificate applicant's related facility is less than the limits specified in column 2 of table I in §157.208(d) of this chapter;

(4) Blanket certificate applications by interstate pipelines and local distribution companies served by inter-

state pipelines filed pursuant to §§ 284.221 and 284.224 of this chapter;

(5) Applications for temporary certificates involving transportation service or sales, but not facilities, pursuant to §157.17 of this chapter;

(6) Dismiss any protest to prior notice filings involving existing service, made pursuant to §157.205 of this chapter, that does not raise a substantive issue and fails to provide any specific detailed reason or rationale for the objection;

(7) Applications pertaining to approval of changes in customer names where there is no change in rate schedule, rate, or other incident of service;

(8) Applications for approval of customer rate schedule shifts;

(9) Applications filed under section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act and part 152 of this chapter, for declaration of exemption from the provisions of the Natural Gas Act and certificates held by the applicant; and

(10) Applications and amendments requesting authorizations filed pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for new or additional service to right-of-way grantors either directly or through a distributor, where partial consideration for the granting of the right-of-way was the receipt of gas service pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act.

(c) Act upon filings for all initial rate schedules, rate schedule changes and notices of changes in rates submitted by gas companies and impose conditions to the following extent, in uncontested cases:

(1) Accept a tariff or rate schedule filing, except a major pipeline rate increase under section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act and under subpart D of part 154 of this chapter, if it complies with all applicable statutory requirements, and with all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders for which a waiver has not been granted, or if a waiver has been granted by the Commission, if it complies with the terms of the waiver;

(2) Reject a tariff or rate schedule filing, if it patently fails to comply with applicable statutory requirements and with all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders for which a waiver has not been granted; and

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(3) Advise the filing party of any actions taken under paragraph (f)(1) or (f)(2) of this section and designate rate schedules, rate schedule changes, and notices of changes in rates, and the effective date hereof; and

(4) Refer to the Chief Administrative Law Judge (Chief ALJ), with the Chief ALJ's concurrence, uncontested interim natural gas rate motions that would result in lower rates, pending Commission action on settlement agreements.

(d) Take appropriate action on the following:

(1) Any notice of intervention or petition to intervene, filed in an uncontested application for pipeline service and not facilities, or an uncontested rate schedule proceeding;

(2) An uncontested request from one holding an authorization, granted pursuant to the Director's delegated authority, to vacate all or part of such authorization;

(3) Petitions to permit after an initial 60-day period one additional 60-day period of exemption pursuant to § 284.264(b) of this chapter where the application or extension arrives at the Commission later than 45 days after the commencement of the initial period of exemption and where only services are involved; and

(4) Applications for extensions of time to file required reports, data and information and to perform other acts required at or within a specific time by any rule, regulation, license, permit, certificate, or order by the Commission.

(e) Undertake the following actions:

(1) Issue reports for public information purposes. Any report issued without Commission approval must:

(i) Be of a noncontroversial nature, and

(ii) Contain the statement, "This report does not necessarily reflect the view of the Commission," in bold face type on the cover;

(2) Issue and sign deficiency letters regarding natural gas applications; and

(3) Accept for filing, data and reports (including Forms 1, 1F, 2, 2A, and 6) required by Commission orders, or presiding officers' initial decisions upon which the Commission has taken no further action, if such filings are in

compliance with such orders or decisions and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such acceptance.

(f) Take appropriate action on requests or petitions for waivers of:

(1) Any action incidental to the exercise of delegated authority, including waiver of notice as provided in section 4(d) of the Natural Gas Act, provided the request conforms to the requirements of § 385.2001 of this chapter;

(2) Filing requirements for statements and reports under Parts 260, 261 and 357 of this chapter;

(3) Fees prescribed in §§ 381.207, 381.403, and 381.505 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.106(b) of this chapter;

(4) Annual charges prescribed in § 382.202 of this chapter in accordance with the standard set forth in § 382.105 of this chapter;

(5) Section 154.403 of this chapter, as necessary, in order to rule on out-of-cycle purchased gas adjustment filings;

(6) The requirements of subpart C of part 292 of this chapter governing cogeneration and small power production facilities made by any state regulatory authority or nonregulated electric utility pursuant to § 292.402 of this chapter;

(7) Annual charges prescribed in § 382.201 of this chapter in accordance with the standard set forth in § 382.105 of this chapter; and

(g) Take the following actions relating to the regulation of oil pipelines under the Interstate Commerce Act:

(1) Accept any uncontested item which has been filed consistent with Commission regulations and policy;

(2) Reject any filing which patently fails to comply with applicable statutory requirements and with all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders for which a waiver has not been granted;

(3) Prescribe for carriers the classes of property for which depreciation charges may be properly included under operating expenses, review the fully documented depreciation studies filed by the carriers, and authorize or revise the depreciation rates reflected in the depreciation study with respect to each of the designated classes of property; and

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(4) Refer any matter to the Commission which the Director believes should be acted upon by the Commission.

(h) Take the following actions with respect to rates, rate schedules, and rate filings:

(1) Accept for filing all uncontested initial rate schedules and uncontested rate schedule changes submitted by public utilities, including changes which would result in rate increases; waive the requirement of statutory notice for good cause shown; advise the filing party of such acceptances; and designate rate schedules and the effective dates thereof;

(2) Approve uncontested rates and rate schedules filed by the Secretary of Energy or his designee, for power developed at projects owned and operated by the federal government and for services provided by federal power marketing agencies;

(3) Accept for filing, data and reports required by Commission orders, or presiding officers' initial decisions upon which the Commission has taken no further action, if such filings are in compliance with such orders or decisions and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such acceptance.

(4) Refer to the Chief Administrative Law Judge (Chief ALJ), with the Chief ALJ's concurrence, uncontested interim electric rate motions that would result in lower rates, pending Commission action on settlement agreements.

(i) Take appropriate action on uncontested applications for:

(1) The sale or lease or other disposition of facilities, consolidation of facilities, and acquisition of securities of public utilities under section 203 of the Federal Power Act;

(2) Interlocking positions under section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act;

(3) Certification of the qualifying status for small power production and cogeneration facilities under §292.207 of this chapter; and

(4) The extension of time for public utilities to file required reports, data, and information and to do other acts required to be done within a specific time period by any rule, regulation or order of the Commission.

(j) Take appropriate action on:

(1) Notices of intervention or petitions to intervene in an uncontested rate schedule proceeding;

(2) Requests for authorization for a designated representative to post and file rate schedules of public utilities which are parties to the same rate schedule; and

(3) Filings related to uncontested nonexempt qualifying small power production facilities, including action on requests for waivers of the Commission's regulations under the Federal Power Act and related authorizations consistent with Massachusetts Refusetech, Inc., 31 FERC ¶61,048 (1985), and the orders cited therein without limitation as to whether qualifying status is by Commission certification or notice of qualifying status, provided that in the case of a notice of qualifying status, any waiver is granted on condition that the filing party has correctly noticed the facility as a qualifying facility.

(k) Undertake the following actions:

(1) Redesignate proceedings, rate schedules, and other authorizations and filings to reflect changes in the names of persons and municipalities subject to invoking Commission jurisdiction under the Federal Power Act, where no substantive changes in ownership, corporate structure or domicile, or jurisdictional operation are involved;

(2) Issue deficiency letters regarding electric rate schedule filings, refund reports, corporate applications for the sale, lease or disposition of property, consolidation of facilities, acquisition of securities of public utilities and applications to hold interlocking positions;

(3) With respect to amendments to agreements, contracts, and rate schedules (including approved rate settlements), and data and reports submitted by public utilities pursuant to Commission opinions, orders, decisions, or other actions or presiding officers' initial decisions:

(i) Accept for filing any amendment, contract, rate schedule, data and reports which are in compliance and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such acceptance; or

(ii) Reject for filing any amendment, contract, rate schedule, data, and reports which are not in compliance or not required and, when appropriate, notify the filing party of such rejection; and

(4) Adopt final allocations of costs for federal multiple-purpose reservoir projects for which the Commission has statutory responsibility, and review and comment on cost allocations prepared by others.

(1) In connection with the regulation of oil pipelines under the Interstate Commerce Act, refer any matter to the Commission which the Director believes should be acted upon by the Commission.

(m) Take the following actions under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978:

(1) Notify jurisdictional agencies within 45 days after the date on which the Commission receives notice of a determination pursuant to §270.502(b) of this chapter that the notice is incomplete under §270.204 of this chapter.

(2) Issue preliminary findings under §270.502(a)(1) of this chapter.

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**§ 375.308 Delegations to the Director of the Office of Energy Projects.**

The Commission authorizes the Director or the Director's designee to:

(a) Take appropriate action on uncontested applications and on applications for which the only motion or notice of intervention is filed by a competing preliminary permit or exemption applicant that does not propose and substantiate materially different plans to develop, conserve, and utilize the water resources of the region for the following:

(1) Licenses (including original, new, and transmission line licenses) under part I of the Federal Power Act;

(2) Exemptions from all or part of the licensing requirements of part I of the Federal Power Act; and

(3) Preliminary permits for proposed projects.

(b) Take appropriate action on uncontested applications for:

(1) Amendments (including changes in the use or disposal of water power project lands or waters or in the boundaries of water power projects) to licenses (including original, new, and transmission line licenses) under part I of the Federal Power Act, exemptions from all or part of the requirements of part I of the Federal Power Act, and preliminary permits; and

(2) Surrenders of licenses (including original and new), exemptions, and preliminary permits.

(c) Take appropriate action on the following:

(1) Determinations or vacations with respect to lands of the United States reserved from entry, location, or other disposal under section 24 of the Federal Power Act;

(2) Transfer of a license under section 8 of the Federal Power Act;

(3) Applications for the surrender of transmission line licenses pursuant to part 6 of this chapter;

(4) Motions filed by licensees, permittees, exemptees, applicants, and others requesting an extension of time to file required submittals, reports, data, and information and to do other acts required to be done at or within a specific time period by any rule, regulation, license, exemption, permit, notice, letter, or order of the Commission in accordance with §385.2008 of this chapter;

(5) Declarations of intent and petitions for declaratory orders concerning the Commission's jurisdiction over a hydropower project under the Federal Power Act;

(6) New or revised exhibits, studies, plans, reports, maps, drawings, or specifications, or other such filings made voluntarily or in response to a term or condition in a preliminary permit, license, or exemption issued for a hydropower project, or in response to the requirements of an order of the Commission or presiding officer's initial decision concerning a hydropower project;

(7) Requests by applicants to withdraw, pursuant to §385.216 of this chapter, any pleadings under part I of the Federal Power Act and any pleadings related to exemptions from all or part of part I of the Federal Power Act;

(8) Requests by licensees for exemption from: