

4(d) of the Natural Gas Act, provided the request conforms to the requirements of §385.2001 of this chapter; and

(2) Requests or petitions for waivers of filing requirements for statements and reports under §§260.8 and 260.9 of this chapter.

(z) Approve, on a case-specific basis, and make such decisions and issue guidance as may be necessary in connection with the use of the pre-filing procedures in §157.21, “ Pre-filing procedures and review process for LNG terminal facilities and other natural gas facilities prior to filing of applications.”

(aa) Take the following actions to implement part 5 of this chapter on or after October 23, 2003:

(1) Act on requests for approval to use the application procedures of parts 4 or 16, pursuant to §5.3 of this chapter;

(2) Approve a potential license applicant’s proposed study plan with appropriate modifications pursuant to §5.13 of this chapter;

(3) Resolve formal study disputes pursuant to §5.14 of this chapter; and

(4) Resolve disagreements brought pursuant to §5.15 of this chapter.

(bb) Establish a schedule for each Federal agency or officer, or State agency or officer acting pursuant to delegated Federal authority, to issue or deny Federal authorizations required for natural gas projects subject to section 3 or 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

[Order 492, 53 FR 16065, May 5, 1988; 53 FR 21992, June 13, 1988, as amended by Order 499, 53 FR 27005, July 18, 1988; Order 533, 56 FR 23154, May 20, 1991; Order 556, 58 FR 51223, Oct. 1, 1993; Order 596, 62 FR 59812, Nov. 5, 1997. Redesignated and amended by Order 613, 64 FR 73406, Dec. 30, 1999; Order 633, 68 FR 31605, May 28, 2003; Order 2002, 68 FR 51142, Aug. 25, 2003; Order 665, 70 FR 60442, Oct. 18, 2005; Order 687, 71 FR 62921, Oct. 27, 2006]

**§375.309 Delegations to the General Counsel.**

The Commission authorizes the General Counsel or the General Counsel’s designee to:

(a) Designate officers empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance and testimony, take evidence, compel the filing of special reports and interrogatories, gather information,

and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, or other records, in the course of formal investigations conducted by the Office of the General Counsel to the extent the Commission’s order of investigation expressly provides for the exercise of such investigative powers.

(b) Grant or deny requests of persons pursuant to §1b.12 of this chapter to procure copies of the transcripts of their testimony taken during non-public investigations conducted by the Office of the General Counsel.

(c) Terminate any informal non-public investigation conducted by the Office of the General Counsel.

(d) Terminate the authority of officers to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance and testimony, take evidence, compel the filing of special reports and interrogatories, gather information, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements or other records in the course of formal investigations conducted by the Office of the General Counsel.

(e) Designate presiding officers for proceedings under §385.1110, who will have all the authorities and duties vested in presiding officers by that section and other applicable rules in conducting proceedings pursuant to section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3301–3432 (1982).

(f) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for waivers of fees prescribed in §381.305 of this chapter in accordance with §381.106 of this chapter.

(g) Grant uncontested applications for exempt wholesale generator status that do not involve unusual or interpretation issues; to act on uncontested motions to withdraw such applications; and to act on uncontested amendments to applications for EWG status that do

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not present unusual or interpretation issues.

[Order No. 38, 44 FR 46453, Aug. 8, 1979. Redesignated and amended at 45 FR 21224, 21225, Apr. 1, 1980; Order 112, 45 FR 79025, Nov. 28, 1980; Order 224, 47 FR 17810, Apr. 24, 1982; Order 225, 47 FR 19058, May 3, 1982; Order 396, 49 FR 36829, Sept. 20, 1984; Order 417, 50 FR 15731, Apr. 22, 1985; Order 421, 50 FR 21427, May 24, 1985; 50 FR 47532, Nov. 19, 1985; Order 494, 53 FR 15382, Apr. 29, 1988; Order 585, 60 FR 62329, Dec. 6, 1995; Order 591, 61 FR 57328, Nov. 6, 1996]

### § 375.310 Delegations during emergency conditions.

For delegations of Commission authority during emergency conditions, see subpart B of part 376 of this chapter.

[45 FR 21217, Apr. 1, 1980. Redesignated by Order 613, 64 FR 73407, Dec. 30, 1999]

### § 375.311 Delegations to the Director, Office of External Affairs.

The Commission authorizes the Director, Office of External Affairs, or the Director's designee, to take all actions required or permitted to be taken by the Director under Secs. 388.108 through 388.110 of this chapter.

[Order 660, 70 FR 34652, June 15, 2005]

### § 375.312 Delegations to the Office of the Executive Director.

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

(a) Prescribe the updated fees for part 381 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.104 of this chapter.

(b) Prescribe the updated fees for part 381 of this chapter in accordance with § 388.109(b)(2) of this chapter.

(c) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for waiver of fees prescribed in § 381.302 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.106(b) of this chapter.

(d) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for exemption from fees prescribed in part 381 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.108 of this chapter.

(e) Determine the annual charges for administrative costs, for use of United States lands, and for use of government dams or other structures.

(f) Grant or deny waiver of penalty charges for late payment of annual charges.

(g) Give credit for overpayment of annual charges.

(h) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for exemption from annual charges under § 11.6 of this chapter for state and municipal licensees.

(i) Grant or deny petitions for waiver of annual charges for oil pipelines.

[Order 613, 64 FR 73407, Dec. 30, 1999, as amended by Order 632, 68 FR 25816, May 14, 2003; 69 FR 64661, Nov. 8, 2004]

### § 375.313 Delegations to the Critical Energy Infrastructure Information Coordinator.

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

(a) Receive and review all requests for critical energy infrastructure information as defined in § 388.113(c)(1).

(b) Make determinations as to whether particular information fits within the definition of CEII found at § 388.113(c)(1).

(c) Make determinations as to whether a particular requester's need for and ability and willingness to protect critical energy infrastructure information warrants limited disclosure of the information to the requester.

(d) Establish reasonable conditions on the release of critical energy infrastructure information.

(e) Release critical energy infrastructure information to requesters who satisfy the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section and agree in writing to abide by any conditions set forth by the Coordinator pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

[Order 630, 68 FR 9869, Mar. 3, 2003]

### § 375.314 Delegations to the Director of the Office of Enforcement.

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

(a) Request information for purposes of a preliminary investigation under Part 1b of this chapter, or for purposes of conducting market surveillance from an entity whose activities may affect energy markets, and from state or federal agencies that monitor or regulate such entities, whether or not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.