

likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy.

K. Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This proposed rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards. If you are aware of voluntary consensus standards that might apply but are not listed, please identify them in a comment to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES** and explain why they should be used.

L. National Environmental Policy Act

The Coast Guard has analyzed this proposed rule under Commandant Instruction M16475.1D which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and NOAA has analyzed the proposed rule under NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, which sets forth NOAA's environmental review procedures for implementing NEPA. NOAA and the Coast Guard have made a preliminary determination this action is not likely to have a significant effect on the human environment.

A preliminary Coast Guard “Environmental Analysis Check List” supporting this preliminary determination is available in the docket where indicated under the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule. This proposed rule has no expected direct, indirect or cumulative impacts for the purposes of NEPA and is not likely to have a significant effect on the human environment. The proposed rule does not regulate any on-going activities and serves only to define the scope of the grants and other cooperative funding

that may be available through NOAA to federal and non-federal entities.

M. Department of Commerce Docket Number

The clearance docket number for the Department of Commerce is: 070615197–7864–02.

NOAA signature,
Dated: March 14, 2008.

John H. Dunnigan,
Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

Coast Guard signature,
Dated: May 19, 2008.

B.M. Salerno,
RAADM, Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship.

List of Subjects

15 CFR Part 909

Marine resources, Marine debris, Marine pollution, Ocean dumping.

33 CFR Part 151

Administrative practice and procedure, Oil pollution, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Water pollution control.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, NOAA proposes to add 15 CFR part 909 and the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 151 as follows:

1. 15 CFR part 909 is added to read as follows:

PART 909—MARINE DEBRIS

Sec.

909.1 Definition of marine debris for the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1951–1958 (2006).

§ 909.1 Definition of marine debris for the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

(a) *Marine debris.* For the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act (33 U.S.C. 1951–1958 (2006)) only, marine debris is defined as any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes.

(b) NOAA and the Coast Guard have jointly promulgated the definition of marine debris in this part. Coast Guard's regulation may be found in 33 CFR 151.3000.

PART 151—VESSELS CARRYING OIL, NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES, GARBAGE, MUNICIPAL OR COMMERCIAL WASTE, AND BALLAST WATER

2. Add subpart E, to part 151 to read as follows:

Subpart E—Definition of Marine Debris for the Purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1951–1958 (2006); 33 CFR 1.05–1; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

§ 151.3000 Definition of Marine Debris for the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

(a) *Marine debris.* For the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act (33 U.S.C. 1951–1958 (2006)) only, marine debris is defined as any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes.

(b) NOAA and the Coast Guard have jointly promulgated the definition of marine debris in this part. NOAA's regulation may be found in 15 CFR 909.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 40

[Docket No. RM08–7–000]

Modification of Interchange and Transmission Loading Relief Reliability Standards; and Electric Reliability Organization Interpretation of Specific Requirements of Four Reliability Standards

May 16, 2008.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Supplemental Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On April 21, 2008, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) that proposes, *inter alia*, to approve interpretations of specific requirements of Commission-approved Reliability Standards submitted to the Commission for approval by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

Pursuant to section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), the Commission supplements the NOPR by proposing to approve NERC's modified interpretation of Reliability Standard BAL-005-0 (Automatic Generation Control), Requirement R17.

DATES: Comments for this Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking are due June 12, 2008, concurrent with the comment due date for the NOPR issued on April 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery.* Commenters unable to file comments electronically must mail or hand deliver an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick Harwood (Technical Information), Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Christopher Daignault (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

May 16, 2008.

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¹ *Modification of Interchange and Transmission Loading Relief Reliability Standards; and Electric Reliability Organization Interpretation of Specific Requirements of Four Reliability Standards*, 73 FR 22,856 (Apr. 28, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,632 (2008).

² 16 U.S.C. 824o (Supp. V 2005).

I. Background

A. Regulatory History

2. On December 19, 2007, NERC submitted for Commission approval interpretations of requirements in four Commission-approved Reliability Standards, including an interpretation of BAL-005-0, Requirement R17.³ On April 15, 2008, NERC submitted a request to withdraw the interpretation of Requirement R17 and substitute a revised interpretation of the same requirement (referred to by NERC as "interpretation (b)").

3. On April 21, 2008, the Commission issued a NOPR in this proceeding. In the NOPR, the Commission noted that NERC submitted a modified interpretation of BAL-005-0 on April 15, 2008. The Commission stated that it did not plan to act on the initial interpretation and would address "interpretation (b)" at a future time.

B. NERC's Proposed Interpretation

4. Requirement R17 of Reliability Standard BAL-005-0 obligates each balancing authority to "at least annually check and calibrate its time error and frequency devices against a common reference." This is one aspect of ensuring the accurate calculation of area control error (ACE). Requirement R17 states that a balancing authority must adhere to minimum accuracies in terms of ranges for the following devices: Digital frequency transducer, voltage transducer, remote terminal unit, potential transformer, and current transformer.

5. NERC received a request for interpretation regarding the type and location of the equipment to which Requirement R17 applies. In response, a NERC task force developed, and the NERC board of trustees approved, interpretation (b), which provides that BAL-005-0, Requirement R17

applies only to the time error and frequency devices that provide, or in the case of back-up equipment may provide, input into the reporting or compliance ACE equation or provide real-time time error or frequency information to the system operator. Frequency inputs from other sources that are for reference only are excluded. The time error and error frequency measurement devices may not necessarily be located in the system operations control room or owned by the Balancing Authority; however the Balancing Authority has the responsibility for the accuracy of the frequency and time error devices. * * *

³ The Commission approved BAL-005-0 in Order No. 693. *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, Order No. 693, 72 FR 31,452, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242, at P 396 (2007), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 693-A, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2007).

New or replacement equipment that provides the same functions noted above requires the same calibrations. Some devices used for time error and frequency measurement cannot be calibrated as such. In this case, these devices should be cross-checked against other properly calibrated equipment and replaced if the devices do not meet the required level of accuracy.

II. Discussion

6. The Commission proposes to approve NERC's interpretation (b) of BAL-005-0, Requirement R17. The Commission agrees that, as stated in interpretation (b), time error and frequency devices that serve as input into the reporting or compliance of the ACE equation, *whether inside or outside the operations control room*, must be annually checked and calibrated. In addition, the Commission notes that tie-line megawatt metering data is another important aspect of ensuring the accurate calculation of area control error (ACE), and interpretation (b) limits the specific accuracy requirements of Requirement R17 to frequency and time error measurement devices. We seek comment on whether interpretation (b): (1) Could decrease the accuracy of frequency and time-error measurements by not requiring calibration of tie-line megawatt metering devices; (2) what conditions would preclude the requirement to calibrate these devices; and (3) whether the accuracy of these devices is assured by other requirements within BAL-005-0 in the absence of calibration.

III. Comment Procedures

7. The Commission invites interested persons to submit comments on the matters and issues proposed in this notice to be adopted, including any related matters or alternative proposals that commenters may wish to discuss. Comments are due June 12, 2008, concurrent with the comment due date for the NOPR issued on April 21, 2008. Comments must refer to Docket No. RM08-7-000, and must include the commenter's name, the organization they represent, if applicable, and their address in their comments.

8. The Commission encourages comments to be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. The Commission accepts most standard word processing formats. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format. Commenters filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing.

9. Commenters that are not able to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

10. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely as described in the Document Availability section below. Commenters on this proposal are not required to serve copies of their comments on other commenters.

IV. Document Availability

11. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

12. From FERC's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

13. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the FERC's Web site during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or e-mail at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. E-mail the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 40

Electric power, Electric utilities, Reporting and recordkeeping requirement.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

19 CFR Part 111

[Docket No. USCBP-2008-0059]

RIN 1651-AA74

Customs Broker License Examination Individual Eligibility Requirements

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the requirements that an individual must satisfy in order to take the written examination for an individual broker's license, as administered by Customs and Border Protection ("CBP"). This proposed rule would require that to take the written examination, an individual would be required to be a U.S. citizen on the date of examination who has attained the age of 21 prior to the date of examination and is not an officer or employee of the United States Government. The proposed amendments would more closely align the requirements for taking the written examination with the requirements an individual must satisfy in order to obtain a customs broker's license. As a result, this proposed rule would facilitate the overall customs broker licensing process by helping to ensure that those taking the examination are not automatically precluded from obtaining a license by reason of age, citizenship status, or employment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 28, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments via docket number USCBP-2008-0059.

- **Mail:** Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., (Mint Annex), Washington, DC 20229.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the

"Public Participation" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submitted comments may also be inspected during regular business days between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 799 9th Street, NW., (5th Floor), Washington, DC. Arrangements to inspect submitted comments should be made in advance by calling Joseph Clark at (202) 572-8768.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alfred S. Morawski, Chief, Broker Compliance Branch, Office of International Trade, (202) 863-6505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments on all aspects of the proposed rule. CBP also invites comments that relate to the economic, environmental, or federalism effects that might result from this proposed rule. Comments that will provide the most assistance to CBP will reference a specific portion of the proposed rule, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include data, information, or authority that support such recommended change. See **ADDRESSES** above for information on how to submit comments.

Background

Section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1641), provides that a person (an individual, corporation, association, or partnership) must hold a valid customs broker's license and permit in order to transact customs business on behalf of others. Section 641 also sets forth standards for the issuance of broker's licenses and permits, and provides for the taking of disciplinary action against brokers that have engaged in specified types of infractions. In the case of an applicant for an individual broker's license, § 641 states that the Secretary of the Treasury may conduct an examination to determine such applicant's qualifications for a license. Section 641 also authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe rules and regulations relating to the customs business of brokers as necessary to protect importers and the revenue of the