

requirement had not been approved by OMB at the time of publication.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the FAA submitted a copy of the information collection requirements to OMB for its review. OMB approved the collection on July 29, 2010, and assigned the information collection OMB Control Number 2120-0728, which expires on July 31, 2013.

This document is being published to inform affected parties of the approval, and to announce that as of July 29, 2010, affected parties are required to comply with the information collection requirements in § 91.225.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 6, 2010.

Pamela Hamilton-Powell,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 11

[Docket No. RM10-27-000]

Update of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Fees Schedule for Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands; Corrections

Date: August 5, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule: Correction and correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: On July 28, 2010, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission published a rule updating its schedule of fees for the use of government lands. The yearly update was based on the most recent schedule of fees for the use of linear rights-of-way prepared by the United States Forest Service. This document makes a preamble correction to that document and amends the CFR to correct an error resulting from that document.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 11, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fannie Kingsberry, Division of Financial Services, Office of the Executive

Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 2010-18201, appearing on page 44094 in the **Federal Register** of Wednesday, July 28, 2010, make the following preamble correction:

On page 44094, in the center column, in the **SUMMARY** section, beginning on the fourteenth line, correct the date "October 1, 2010" to read "October 1, 2009".

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 11

Electric power, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ In addition, the Commission corrects 18 CFR part 11 by making the following correcting amendment.

PART 11—ANNUAL CHARGES UNDER PART 1 OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT

■ 1. The authority citation for part 11 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352.

■ 2. In Appendix A to Part 11, add the following footnotes to the end of the fee schedule table:

Appendix A to Part 11—Fee Schedule for FY 2010

State	County	(Fee/acre/yr)
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* State-average Land and Building value used when no county-specific is available.

** Land areas to be determined.

Thomas R. Herlihy,

Executive Director, Office of the Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 376

[Docket No. RM10-28-000; Order No. 738]

Supplement to Commission Procedures During Periods of Emergency Operations Requiring Activation of Continuity of Operations Plan

Issued August 5, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this rule the Commission supplements the procedures previously established with regard to filing and other requirements if the Commission is

required to implement its Continuity of Operations Plan in response to an emergency situation that disrupts communications to or from the Commission's headquarters or which otherwise impairs headquarters operations. The rule temporarily tolls for purposes of further consideration the time period for Commission action required for relief from, or reinstatement of, an electric utility's mandatory purchase obligation under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The rule will become effective August 11, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Before Commissioners: Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman; Marc Spitzer, Philip D. Moeller, John R. Norris, and Cheryl A. LaFleur.

I. Introduction

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) previously amended its regulations in Order No. 680 by modifying certain filing requirements and establishing procedures to be effective during emergencies affecting the Commission that require it to implement its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP Plan). The COOP Plan was developed to address emergency conditions lasting up to 30 days during which Commission headquarters operations may be temporarily disrupted or communications may be temporarily unavailable, either of which may prevent the public or the Commission from meeting regulatory or statutory requirements.¹ The COOP Plan temporarily suspends filing requirements and ensures that deadlines for Commission actions that fall during the period the COOP Plan is in operation are met, thereby providing continuity in the conduct of the Commission's business and certainty to parties with business before the Commission.²

2. One procedure established by the COOP Plan tolls for purposes of further consideration the time periods for certain Commission actions that would otherwise be required during an emergency.³ Examples of such actions include the 60-day period for acting on requests for Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company status and the 30-day period for acting on requests for rehearing.⁴ The Commission is now amending this list to also provide for the tolling of Commission action required in granting relief from, or reinstatement of, an electric utility's mandatory purchase

obligation under section 210(m) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.⁵

II. Discussion

3. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005)⁶ was signed into law on August 8, 2005. Section 1253(a) of EPA 2005 added section 210(m) to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978⁷ which provided, among other things, for termination of the requirement that an electric utility enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase electric energy from qualifying cogeneration facilities and qualifying small power production facilities (QFs) if the Commission finds that the QF has nondiscriminatory access to one of the three categories of markets defined in section 210(m)(1)(A), (B) or (C).⁸ In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission previously amended Part 292 of the Commission's regulations.

4. Sections 292.309 and 292.310⁹ set forth the standards and filing requirements for an application by an electric utility seeking to terminate the requirement to enter into new purchase contracts and obligations with QFs. Sections 292.311 and 292.313 similarly provide the standards and filing requirements for an application for reinstatement of an electric utility's mandatory purchase obligation.¹⁰ In each of these situations the Commission issues an order within 90 days of such application either terminating or reinstating an electric utility's mandatory purchase obligation.

5. Section 376.209(c)¹¹ enables the Commission, during an emergency, to toll for purpose of further consideration the time periods for certain Commission actions. The Commission's regulations, while providing for the tolling of many Commission actions, do not address the termination of, or reinstatement of, the mandatory purchase obligation. To fill this gap, this rule amends the Commission's COOP Plan to include the tolling of the 90-day period for acting on applications requesting relief from, or

reinstatement of, the mandatory purchase obligation.

III. Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

6. The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA)¹² generally requires a description and analysis of final rules that will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This final rule concerns a matter of internal agency procedure and it will not have such an impact. An analysis under the RFA is not required.

IV. Information Collection Standard

7. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations require OMB to approve certain information collection requirements imposed by agency rule.¹³ This final rule contains no new information collections. Therefore, OMB review of this final rule is not required.

V. Environmental Analysis

8. The Commission is required to prepare an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for any action that may have a significant adverse effect on the human environment. Excluded from this requirement are rules that are clarifying, corrective, or procedural or that do not substantially change the effect of the regulations being amended.¹⁴ This rule is procedural in nature and therefore falls within this exception; consequently, no environmental consideration is necessary.

VI. Document Availability

9. 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 the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) and in the Commission'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.

10. From the Commission's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available in the 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.

¹ More information concerning the COOP Plan can be found on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/coop.asp>.

² Activation of the COOP Plan affects communications with headquarters only, and does not affect communications required to be made directly to the Commission's Regional Offices.

³ For a complete list of procedures, see *Commission Procedures During Periods of Emergency Operations Requiring Activation of Continuity of Operations Plan*, Order No. 680, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,223 (2006).

⁴ To view a complete list of tolled Commission actions, see Order 680, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,223 at P 5.

⁵ See 16 U.S.C. 824a-3(m) (2006).

⁶ Public Law 109-58, 1253, 119 Stat. 594 (2005).

⁷ 16 U.S.C. 824a-3(m).

⁸ *New PURPA Section 210(m) Regulations Applicable to Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities*, Order No. 688, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,233, at P 1-8, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 688-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,250 (2007) (characterizing the three market types as: (1) Auction based day-ahead and real time markets; (2) auction based real-time markets but not auction based day-ahead markets; and (3) comparable markets).

⁹ 18 CFR 292.309, 292.310 (2010); *see also* 18 CFR § 292.312 (2010).

¹⁰ 18 CFR 292.311, 292.313 (2010).

¹¹ 18 CFR 376.209(c) (2010).

¹² 5 U.S.C. 601-12 (2006).

¹³ 5 CFR 1320.12 (2006).

¹⁴ 18 CFR 380.4(a)(2) (2010); *Regulations Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act*, Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897 (Dec. 17, 1987), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 30,783 (1987).

11. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's Web site during normal business hours. For assistance, please contact Online Support at 1-866-208-3676 (e-mail at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659 (e-mail at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov).

VII. Effective Date and Congressional Notification

12. The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 801 regarding Congressional review of final rules do not apply to this final rule, because the rule concerns agency procedure and practice and will not substantially affect the rights of non-agency parties.

13. These regulations are effective on August 11, 2010. The Commission finds that notice and public comments are unnecessary because this rule concerns only agency procedure or practice. Therefore, the Commission finds good cause to waive the notice period otherwise required before the effective date of a final rule.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 376

Civil defense, Organization and functions (Government agencies).

By the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

■ In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission amends part 376, chapter I, title 18, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 376—ORGANIZATION, MISSION, AND FUNCTIONS; COMMISSION OPERATION DURING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 376 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 553; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352; E.O. 12009, 3 CFR 1978 Comp., p. 142.

■ 2. In § 376.209, paragraphs (c)(11) and (12) are revised and paragraph (c)(13) is added to read as follows:

§ 376.209 Procedures during periods of emergency requiring activation of the Continuity of Operations Plan.

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(11) 30-day period for acting on requests for rehearing;

(12) Time periods for acting on interlocutory appeals and certified questions; and

(13) 90-day period for acting on applications requesting relief from, or reinstatement of, an electric utility's mandatory purchase obligation pursuant

to section 210(m) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 62

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[Public Notice: 7114]

Exchange Visitor Program—Trainees and Interns

AGENCY: United States Department of State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On June 19, 2007, the Department published an interim final rule amending its regulations regarding Trainees and Interns to, among other things, eliminate the distinction between “non-specialty occupations” and “specialty occupations,” establish a new internship program, and modify the selection criteria for participation in a training program.

This document confirms the Interim Final Rule as final and amends the requirements to permit the use of telephone interviews to screen potential participants for eligibility, to remove the requirement that sponsors secure a Dun & Bradstreet report profiling companies with whom a participant will be placed and also amends this provision to provide clarification regarding the verification of Worker's Compensation coverage for participants and use of an Employer Identification Number to ascertain that a third-party host organization providing training is a viable entity, and to clarify that trainees and interns may repeat training and internship programs under certain conditions.

DATES: Effective September 10, 2010 this document confirms as final with changes, the interim final rule (E7-11703) published on June 19, 2007 (72 FR 33669).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stanley S. Colvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, U.S. Department of State, SA-5, 2200 C Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0505; or e-mail at JExchanges@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17768), followed by the Interim Final Rule on June 19, 2007. Having thoroughly reviewed the

comments received, the Department has determined that it will, and hereby does, adopt the Interim Final Rule with minor amendments to four regulatory provisions to provide greater specificity regarding the selection, screening, placement and monitoring of trainee and intern participants.

Analysis of Comments

The Interim Final Rule addressed almost 1,600 comments received in response to the NPRM. Subsequently, the Department received a total of 120 comments involving multiple provisions of the Interim Final Rule. Of this total, 79 responses were identical form letters encouraged through a writing campaign directed by a third party organization that opposed the exclusion of trainees or interns from the field of veterinary sciences. As explained in both the proposed and interim final rules, the Department, as a matter of long established policy does not support use of the J-1 visa for clinical patient care including veterinary medicine. The sole exception to this policy are foreign medical graduates entering the United States for the purpose of graduate medical education of training. The activities undertaken by Foreign Medical Graduates (FMG) are specifically authorized by statute (The Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended by the Health Care Professions Act, Pub. L. 94-484). The remaining 41 responses were from Exchange Visitor Program sponsors and the general public. The commenting parties addressed the following issues:

One comment was received recommending that the trainee and intern categories be separated into two distinct categories and one comment proposed a moratorium on all training programs. These two comments are beyond the scope of the Interim Rule in that such action was not proposed, nor is it current practice.

Six comments were received regarding § 62.22(b)(1), all of which were opposed to the requirement that internships must be related to the students' fields of study; these comments recommended that the Department eliminate this requirement. The Department has determined that for participants to benefit from the Exchange Visitor Program, it is essential that their training and internship programs be in their fields of study, and that they are adequately advanced in their chosen career fields to benefit from program participation. Otherwise, the risk exists that persons participating in these internships could be seen as a source of labor, rather than interns