

Commission and the investing public with an important tool to help identify emerging trends, business conditions, and issues affecting jurisdictional entities within the energy industry. The Commission has assured itself, by means of internal review, that there is specific, objective support for the burden estimates associated with the information requirements.

73. Interested persons may obtain information on the reporting requirements by contacting the following: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (Attention: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, Phone: (202) 502-8415, fax: (202) 208-2425, e-mail: michael.miller@ferc.gov)

74. For submitting comments concerning the collections of information and the associated burden estimate(s), please send your comments to the contact listed above and to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 (Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, phone (202) 395-7318, fax: (202) 395-7285).

VII. Comment Procedures

75. The Commission invites all 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 August 6, 2003. Comments must refer to Docket No. RM03-8-000, and must include the commenter's name, the organization they represent, if applicable, and their address in the comments. Comments may be filed either in electronic or paper format.

76. Comments may 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 and commenters may attach additional files with supporting information in certain other file formats. Commenters filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

77. 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.

VIII. Document Availability

78. 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 on the Commission's Web site at <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.

79. From FERC's Home page on the Internet, this information is available in the Federal Energy Regulatory Records Information System (FERRIS). The full text of this document is available on FERRIS in PDF and WordPerfect format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in FERRIS, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

80. User assistance is available for FERRIS and the FERC's Web site during normal business hours by contacting FERC Online Support by e-mail at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or by telephone at 866-208-3676 (toll free), or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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By direction of the Commission.
Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission proposes to amend parts 141, 260, 357 and 375, Chapter I, Title 18, *Code of Federal Regulations*, as follows:

PART 141—STATEMENTS AND REPORTS (SCHEDULES)

1. The authority citation for part 141 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 79; 16 U.S.C. 791a-828c, 2601-2645; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352.

2. In § 141.1, paragraph (b)(2) is revised to read as follows:

§ 141.1 FERC Form No. 1, Annual report of Major electric utilities, licensees, and others.

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(b) *Filing requirements.* * * *

(2) *When to file and what to file:* This report shall be filed as follows:

(i) The annual report for the year ending December 31, 2003, will be filed on March 17, 2004.

(ii) The annual report for the year ending December 31, 2004, will be filed on March 1, 2005.

(iii) The annual report for each year thereafter will be filed on March 1 of the subsequent year.

(iv) This report must be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as prescribed in § 385.2011 of this chapter and as indicated in the General Instructions set out in this form, and must be properly completed and verified. Filing on electronic media pursuant to § 385.2011 of this chapter is required.

3. In § 141.2, paragraph (b)(2) is revised as follows:

§ 141.2 FERC Form No. 1-F, Annual report for Nonmajor public utilities and licensees.

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(b) *Filing requirements.* * * *

(2) *When to file:* This report shall be filed as follows:

(i) The annual report for the year ending December 31, 2003, will be filed on March 17, 2004.

(ii) The annual report for the year ending December 31, 2004, will be filed on March 1, 2005.

(iii) The annual report for each year thereafter will be filed on March 1 of the subsequent year.

4. Section 141.400 is added to read as follows:

§ 141.400 FERC Form No. 3-Q, Quarterly financial report of electric utilities, licensees, and natural gas companies.

(a) *Prescription.* The Form of Quarterly Report of electric utilities, licensees, and natural gas companies, designated herein as FERC Form No. 3-Q, is prescribed for the reporting quarter ending March 31, 2004, and each quarter thereafter.

(b) *Filing requirements.* (1) *Who must file—*(i) *Generally* Each electric utility (as defined in Part 101 of Subchapter C of this chapter) and other entity, *i.e.*, each corporation, person, or licensee as defined in section 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 792 *et seq.*), including any agency or instrumentality