

engaged in generation, transmission, distribution, or sale of electric energy, however produced, throughout the United States and its possessions, having sales or transmission service, whether or not the jurisdiction of the Commission is otherwise involved, shall prepare and file with the Commission FERC Form 3–Q pursuant to the General Instructions set out in that form.

(ii) *Exceptions.* This report form is not prescribed for any agency, authority or instrumentality of the United States, nor is it prescribed for municipalities as defined in section 3 of the Federal Power Act; (*i.e.*, a city, county, irrigation district, or other political subdivision or agency of a State competent under the laws thereof to carry on the business of developing, transmitting, utilizing, or distributing power).

(2) *When to file and what to file.* This quarterly report form must be filed as follows:

(i) The quarterly report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2004, must be filed on or before May 15, 2004.

(ii) The quarterly report for the period April 1 through June 30, 2004, must be filed on or before August 14, 2004.

(iii) The quarterly report for the period July 1 through September 30, 2004, must be filed on or before November 14, 2004.

(iv) The quarterly report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2005, must be filed on or before May 10, 2005.

(v) The quarterly report for the period April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, must be filed on or before August 9, 2005.

(vi) The quarterly report for the period July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005, must be filed on or before November 9, 2005.

(vii) The quarterly report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2006, must be filed on or before May 5, 2006.

(viii) Subsequent quarterly reports must be filed within 35 days from the end of the reporting quarter.

(ix) This report must be filed as prescribed in § 385.2011 of this chapter and as indicated in the general instructions set out in the quarterly report form, and must be properly completed and verified. Filing on electronic media pursuant to § 385.2011 of this chapter will be required commencing with the reporting quarter ending March 31, 2004, due on or before May 15, 2004.

PART 260—STATEMENTS AND REPORTS (SCHEDULES)

5. The authority citation for part 260 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 717–717w, 3301–3432; 42 U.S.C. 7101–7352.

6. In § 260.1, paragraph (b) is revised as follows:

§ 260.1 FERC Form No. 2, Annual report for Major natural gas companies.

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(b) *Filing requirements.* Each natural gas company, as defined by the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717, *et seq.*) which is a major company (a natural gas company whose combined gas transported or stored for a fee exceed 50 million Dth in each of the three previous calendar years) must prepare and file with the Commission, as follows:

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

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

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

(4) Newly established entities must use projected data to determine whether FERC Form No. 2 must be filed.

(5) The form must be filed in electronic format only, as indicated in the general instructions set out in that form. The format for the electronic filing can be obtained at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Washington, DC 20426. One copy of the report must be retained by the respondent in its files.

7. In § 260.2, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 260.2 FERC Form No. 2–A, Annual reports for Nonmajor natural gas companies.

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(b) *Filing requirements:* Each natural gas company, as defined by the Natural Gas Act, not meeting the filing threshold for FERC Form No. 2, but having total gas sales or volume transactions exceeding 200,000 Dth in each of the three previous calendar years, must prepare and file with the Commission as follows:

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

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

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

(4) Newly established entities must use projected data to determine whether FERC Form No. 2–A must be filed.

(5) This report must be filed as prescribed in § 385.2011 of this chapter and as indicated in the general instructions set out in the quarterly report form, and must be properly completed and verified. Filing on electronic media pursuant to § 385.2011 of this chapter will be required commencing with the reporting quarter ending March 31, 2004, due on or before May 15, 2004. One copy of the report must be retained by the respondent in its files.

8. Section 260.300 is added to read as follows:

§ 260.300 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.* Each natural gas company, (as defined in the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717, *et seq.*) must prepare and file with the Commission a FERC Form No. 3–Q.

(2) *When to file and what to file.* This quarterly report form must be filed as follows:

(i) The quarterly report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2004, must be filed on or before May 15, 2004.

(ii) The quarterly report for the period April 1 through June 30, 2004, must be filed on or before August 14, 2004.

(iii) The quarterly report for the period July 1 through September 30, 2004, must be filed on or before November 14, 2004.

(iv) The quarterly report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2005, must be filed on or before May 10, 2005.

(v) The quarterly report for the period April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, must be filed on or before August 9, 2005.

(vi) The quarterly report for the period July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005, must be filed on or before November 9, 2005.

(vii) The quarterly report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2006, must be filed on or before May 5, 2006.

(viii) Subsequent quarterly reports must be filed within 35 days from the end of the reporting quarter.

(ix) This report must be filed as prescribed in § 385.2011 of this chapter and as indicated in the general instructions set out in the quarterly report form, and must be properly completed and verified. Filing on