

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****18 CFR Part 35****[Docket No. RM02-12-000]****Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures**

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**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is proposing to amend its regulations under the Federal Power Act (FPA) to require public utilities that own, operate, or control facilities for transmitting electric energy in interstate commerce to file revised Open Access Transmission Tariffs containing standard interconnection procedures and a standard interconnection agreement for small generators. Specifically, the Commission is proposing in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that such public utilities shall provide interconnection service to Small Generating Facilities (*i.e.*, devices used for the production of electricity having a capacity of no more than 20 megawatts), including their own generation, under the procedures set forth in the proposed standard interconnection procedures and according to a standard interconnection agreement. Any non-public utility that seeks voluntary compliance with the reciprocity condition of a jurisdictional transmission tariff may satisfy this condition by adopting these procedures and this agreement.

**DATES:** Comments are due October 3, 2003. Comments should be double spaced and include an executive summary. In order to facilitate the evaluation of comments, commenters are encouraged to file their comments electronically in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format (PDF), or ASCII format.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Commenters unable 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. Comments should reference Docket No. RM02-12-000. Please refer to the Comment Procedures Section of

the preamble for additional information on how to file comments.

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**I. Introduction**

1. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) proposes the addition of Standard Small Generator Interconnection Procedures (Proposed SGIP) and a Standard Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (Proposed SGIA) to the Open Access Transmission Tariffs (OATTs) of jurisdictional public utilities.<sup>1</sup> The Commission expects that this rulemaking will reduce interconnection time and costs for Interconnection Customers and Transmission Providers, prevent undue discrimination, preserve reliability, increase energy supply, lower wholesale prices for customers by increasing the number and variety of new generation

<sup>1</sup> Provisions of the Proposed SGIP are referred to as "Sections" whereas provisions of the Proposed SGIA are referred to as "Articles."