

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission****18 CFR Parts 37, 161, 250, 284 and 358****[Docket No. RM01–10–000; Order No. 2004]****Standards of Conduct for
Transmission Providers**

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AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, DOE.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is adopting standards of conduct that apply uniformly to interstate natural gas pipelines and public utilities (jointly referred to as Transmission Providers). The standards of conduct will govern the relationships between regulated Transmission Providers and all of their Energy Affiliates. The new standards of conduct will eliminate the loophole in the current regulations that do not cover a Transmission Provider's relationship with Energy Affiliates that are not marketers or merchant affiliates. The

Final Rule will ensure that Transmission Providers cannot extend their market power over transmission to wholesale energy markets by giving their Energy Affiliates unduly preferential treatment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The rule will become effective February 9, 2004.

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