# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Parts 260 and 284

[Docket Nos. RM07-10-000 and AD06-11-000]

## **Transparency Provisions of Section 23** of the Natural Gas Act; Transparency Provisions of the Energy Policy Act; Notice of Extension of Time

May 30, 2007.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE. **ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On April 19, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) revising its regulations in order to facilitate price transparency in markets for the sale or transportation of physical natural gas in interstate commerce. The dates for filing initial and reply comments on the NOPR are being extended at the request of the Texas Pipeline Association. **DATES:** Comments are due on or before

July 11, 2007. Reply comments are due on or before August 9, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. RM07-10-000, by one of the following methods:

• Agency Web Site: http://ferc.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments via the eFiling link found in the Comment Procedures Section of the preamble.

• Mail: Commenters unable to file comments electronically must mail or hand deliver an original and 14 copies of their comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please refer to the Comment Procedures Section of the preamble for additional information on how to file paper comments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 25, 2007, the Texas Gas Pipeline Association (TPA) filed a motion for an extension of time to file initial and reply comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) issued April 19, 2007, in the above-referenced proceeding. 72 FR 20791 (Apr. 26, 2007), FERC. Stats. and Regs. ¶ 32,614

(2007). The motion states that TPA and its members require additional time in order to fully consider the implications of the NOPR, to prepare meaningful comments and to develop material for the record to respond to the numerous requests for specific information in the NOPR.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time for filing initial comments on the NOPR is granted to and including July 11, 2007. Reply comments should be filed on or before August 9, 2007.

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Secretary.

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### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### 28 CFR Part 26

[Docket No. OJP (DOJ)-1464; AG Order No. 2881-2007]

## RIN 1121-AA74

## Office of the Attorney General; **Certification Process for State Capital** Counsel Systems

**AGENCY:** Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 instructs the Attorney General to promulgate regulations to implement certification procedures for States seeking to qualify for the expedited Federal habeas corpus review procedures in capital cases under chapter 154 of Title 28, United States Code. The procedural benefits of chapter 154 are available to States that establish a mechanism for providing counsel to indigent capital defendants in State postconviction proceedings that satisfies certain statutory requirements. This proposed rule would carry out the Act's requirement of issuing regulations for the certification procedure.

**DATES:** Comment date: Comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Please address all comments regarding these proposed regulations, by U.S. mail, to: Kim Ball Norris, Senior Policy Advisor for Adjudication, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531; by telefacsimile (fax), to: (202) 307-0036 or by e-mail, to:

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ensure proper handling, please reference OJP Docket No. 1464 on your correspondence. You may view an electronic version of this proposed rule at www.regulations.gov, and you may also comment by using the www.regulations.gov comment form for this regulation. When submitting comments electronically you must include OJP Docket No. 1464 in the subject box.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 109-177, the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, ("the Act") was signed into law on March 9, 2006. Section 507 of that Act amends chapter 154 of Title 28 of the United States Code. Chapter 154 offers procedural benefits in Federal habeas corpus review to States that go beyond the constitutional requirement of appointing counsel for indigents at trial and on appeal by providing counsel also to capital defendants in State postconviction proceedings. The chapter 154 procedures include special provisions relating to stays of execution (28 U.S.C. 2262), the time for filing Federal habeas corpus applications (28 U.S.C. 2263), the scope of Federal habeas corpus review (28 U.S.C. 2264), and time limits for Federal district courts and courts of appeals to determine habeas corpus applications and related appeals (28 U.S.C. 2266). See 152 Cong. Rec. S1620, S1624-28 (daily ed., Mar. 2, 2006) (remarks of Sen. Kyl) (explanation of procedural benefits to States under chapter 154); 141 Cong. Rec. S4590, S4590-92 (daily ed., Mar. 24, 1995) (remarks of Sen. Specter) (explaining the historical problem of capital habeas delay motivating the enactment of habeas reforms).

Although chapter 154 has been in place since the enactment of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-132), the determination that a State was eligible for the procedural benefits of chapter 154 had been left to the Federal court of appeals for the circuit in which the State is located. The Act amended sections 2261(b) and 2265 of title 28 to assign responsibility for chapter 154 certification to the Attorney General of the United States, subject to review by the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Section 2265(a) as amended makes clear that the only requirements that the Attorney General may impose for a State to receive certification are those expressly stated in chapter 154. See 28 U.S.C. 2265(a)(3)