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## **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**18 CFR Ch. I**

**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission voluntarily submits information about rulemakings under development. Of the 21 rulemakings listed, 16 are current or projected rulemakings, and 5 are completed actions.

**DATES:** The dates provided represent goals, not commitments, and may be revised due to shifts in workload,

changes in priorities, or extensive public comments. See the various dates listed for each specific rulemaking.

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission—Long—Term Actions**

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4200	Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines .....	1902—AC37
4201	Delegation of Authority .....	1902—AC41
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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**

**Long-Term Actions**

**4182. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSMISSION PROVIDERS**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3423; 16 USC 791 to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 37; 18 CFR 161; 18 CFR 250; 18 CFR 358

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission is considering whether to promulgate new standards of conduct regulations that would apply uniformly to natural gas pipelines and public utilities that are

currently subject to the gas standards of conduct of 18 CFR part 161 and the electric standards of conduct at 18 CFR part 161 and the electric standards of conduct at 18 CFR part 37. (Docket No. RM01—10—000.)

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## Long-Term Actions

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/05/01	66 FR 50919
NPRM Comment Period End	12/20/01	
Final Rule	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902—AC07**4183. ELECTRONIC FILING OF DOCUMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 551 to 557; 15 USC 717 to 717z; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352; 49 USC 60502; 49 USC app 1 to 85 (1988)

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 385

**Legal Deadline:** Other, Statutory, October 21, 2003. Government Paperwork Elimination Act

**Abstract:** The Commission updated its electronic filing system to release 4.0 and began accepting additional types of documents for filing via the Internet in lieu of paper copies. (Docket No. RM00—12—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	09/21/00	65 FR 57088
Final Rule Effective	11/01/00	
New Release and Additional Qualified Docs.	12/12/02	67 FR 76397
Next Action	Undetermined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, Local, State, Tribal

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**RIN:** 1902—AC09**4184. STANDARDIZING GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND PROCEDURES****Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission amended its regulations to require public utilities that own, control, or operate facilities used for transmitting electric energy in interstate commerce to have on file standard procedures and a standard agreement for interconnection of generators larger than 20 megawatts. (Docket No. RM02—1—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/01/01	66 FR 55140
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/01/02	67 FR 3632
NPRM	05/02/02	67 FR 22249
NPRM Comment Period End	06/17/02	
Final Rule	08/18/03	68 FR 49846
Final Rule Effective	10/20/03	
Order on Rehearing	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902—AC15**4185. ELECTRICITY MARKET DESIGN AND STRUCTURE (REMEDYING UNDUE DISCRIMINATION THROUGH OPEN ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICE AND STANDARD ELECTRICITY MARKET DESIGN)****Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing to amend its regulations under the Federal Power Act, to modify the pro

forma open access transmission tariff established under the Commission's order No. 888, to provide for non-discriminatory standardized transmission service and wholesale electric markets, and so to remedy remaining undue discrimination in the provision of interstate transmission services and in other industry practices, and to assure just and reasonable rates within and among regional power markets. The Commission has not scheduled a date for finalizing this rule. It has issued a White Paper in response to comments on the rule and is holding regional conferences to further discuss issues raised by states and industry participants. (Docket No. RM01—12—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/29/02	67 FR 55452
NPRM Comment Period End	11/15/02	
White Paper	04/28/03	
Final Rule	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902—AC18**4186. ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILINGS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** OMB Circular A—130

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 131; 18 CFR 154; 18 CFR 157; 18 CFR 35; 18 CFR 250; 18 CFR 330; 18 CFR 341; 18 CFR 342; 18 CFR 344; 18 CFR 346; 18 CFR 348; 18 CFR 385

**Legal Deadline:** Other, Statutory, October 21, 2003. Government Paperwork Elimination Act

**Abstract:** The Commission is considering making the electronic filing format of gas, electric, and oil tariffs mandatory. (Docket No. RM01—5—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Inquiry	03/20/01	66 FR 15673
Next Action	Undetermined	

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## Long-Term Actions

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

Required: No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1902—AC19

**4187. REGULATIONS OF CASH MANAGEMENT PRACTICES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 717o; 16 USC 825(h); 49 app USC 20 (1988); 49 app USC 12 (1988)

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 101; 18 CFR 201; 18 CFR 352

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission amended its regulations by implementing documentation requirements for FERC—regulated entities that participate in cash management programs. The Commission is also seeking comments on new reporting requirements that require FERC—regulated entities to file their cash management agreements with the Commission, and to notify the Commission when their proprietary capital ratios fall below 30 percent, and when their proprietary capital ratios subsequently return to or exceed 30 percent. (Docket No. RM02—14—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/07/02	67 FR 51150
NPRM Comment Period End	08/28/02	
Interim Final Rule	07/08/03	68 FR 40500
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	08/07/03	
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/07/03	
Final Rule	To Be Determined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

Required: No

**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1902—AC23

**4188. STANDARDIZATION OF SMALL GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND PROCEDURES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7532

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission proposes the addition of standard small generator interconnection procedures and a standard small generator interconnection agreement to the open access transmission tariffs of public utilities that own, operate, or control facilities for transmitting electric energy in interstate commerce. (Docket No. RM02—12—000)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/26/02	67 FR 54749
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/20/02	67 FR 70194
NPRM	08/19/03	68 FR 49974
NPRM Comment Period End	10/03/03	
Final Rule	To Be Determined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

Required: No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1902—AC26

**4189. NATURAL GAS PIPELINES NEGOTIATED RATE POLICIES AND PRACTICES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 717d; 15 USC 717e

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 284**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission has determined to modify its Negotiated Rate Policy. The Commission has revised its filing requirements to increase the transparency of negotiated rates in order to minimize the potential for discrimination and will no longer permit the pricing of negotiated rates based upon natural gas commodity price indices. (Docket No. PL02—6—000)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Inquiry	07/25/02	67 FR 48592
NOI Comment Period End	09/25/02	67 FR 53350
Modification of Negotiated Rate Policy	08/05/03	68 FR 46179
Next Action	Undetermined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

Required: No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1902—AC28

**4190. STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO MARKET—BASED RATE CONTRACTS FOR WHOLESALE SALES OF ELECTRIC ENERGY BY PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 601; 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 792 to 825y; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 42 USC 4321 to 4361; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 2**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission proposes to adopt a policy statement on the standard of review to be met to justify proposed changes in market—based rate contracts for wholesale sales of electric energy by public utilities in light of Mobile—Sierra doctrine. (Docket No. PL02—7—000)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Proposed Policy Statement	08/08/02	67 FR 51516
Next Action	Undetermined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

Required: No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1902—AC29

## FERC

## Long-Term Actions

**4191. HYDROELECTRIC LICENSING REGULATIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL POWER ACT****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 551 to 557; 15 USC 717 to 717w; 16 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 42 USC 7101 to 7352**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 4; 18 CFR 5; 18 CFR 9; 18 CFR 16; 18 CFR 375; 18 CFR 385**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Commission revised its regulations pertaining to hydroelectric licensing under the Federal Power Act. The revisions create a new licensing process in which a potential license applicant's pre-filing consultation and the Commission's scoping pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act would be conducted concurrently, rather than sequentially. The Rules also provide for increased public participation in pre-filing consultation. (Docket No. RM02-16-000)**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/21/03	68 FR 13898
NPRM Comment Period End	04/21/03	
Final Rule	08/25/03	68 FR 51070
Final Rule Effective	10/23/03	
Order on Rehearing	To Be Determined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal, State, Tribal**Agency Contact:** John Clements, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of General Counsel, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426  
Phone: 202 502-8070**RIN:** 1902-AC30**4192. ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 551 to 557; 15 USC 717 to 717w; 16 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 791 to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 42 USC 7101 to 7352**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 375; 18 CFR 390**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Commission suspended the effective date of its requirement that users of its online applications register electronically. 18 CFR 390.1 is

suspended until the new effective date is announced by the Commission, in a document published in the Federal Register. (Docket No. RM02-10-000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	08/12/02	67 FR 52406
Final Rule Effective	01/15/03	68 FR 1964
Final Rule Suspension	02/14/03	68 FR 7416
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Wilbur Miller, General Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426  
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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/28/03	68 FR 4120
NPRM Comment Period End	02/27/03	
Final Rule	05/28/03	68 FR 31596
Final Rule Effective	07/14/03	
Order on Rehearing	To Be Determined	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Robert Christin, Managing Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426  
Phone: 202 502-6022**RIN:** 1902-AC36**4194. PROPOSED PRICING POLICY FOR EFFICIENT OPERATION AND EXPANSION OF TRANSMISSION GRID****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Commission proposes a new pricing policy for the rates of transmission owners that transfer operational control of their transmission facilities to a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), from independent transmission companies (ITCs) with RTOs, or pursue additional measures that promote efficient operation and expansion of the transmission grid. The proposed policy creates rate incentives that reward RTO and ITC formation. (Docket No. PL03-1-000.)**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Proposed Policy Statement	01/27/03	68 FR 3842
Comments Due	03/13/03	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Stephen Pointer, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426  
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## FERC

## Long-Term Actions

**4195. • QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTING AND REVISIONS TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 551 to 557; 15 USC 79; 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 791a to 828c; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352; 42 USC 60502; 49 USC app. 1—85 (1988)

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 141; 18 CFR 260; 18 CFR 357; 18 CFR 375

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission proposes to revise its regulations by establishing quarterly financial reporting requirements for jurisdictional public utilities, licensees, natural gas and oil pipeline companies. The Commission proposes to make certain changes to the existing Annual Reports to improve the quality of financial information filed with the Commission and to provide consistency in the reporting of financial information for all periods. (Docket No. RM03—8—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/07/03	68 FR 40340
NPRM Comment Period End	08/22/03	
Final Rule	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902—AC43

**4196. • AMENDMENTS TO CONFORM REGULATIONS WITH ORDER NO. 630 (CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION FINAL RULE)**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 79; 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 791a to 827c; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 4; 18 CFR 16; 18 CFR 141; 18 CFR 157

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission revised its regulations requiring companies to make information directly available to the public under certain circumstances. The revisions are necessary to conform these regulations to Order No. 630, which established guidelines for the handling of Critical Energy Infrastructure Information. (Docket No. RM03—6—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/16/03	68 FR 18538
NPRM Comment Period End	05/16/03	
Final Rule	09/02/03	68 FR 52089
Final Rule Effective	10/23/03	
Order on Rehearing	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902—AC44

**4197. • AMENDMENTS TO BLANKET SALES CERTIFICATES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 42 USC 7101 to 7532; 42 USC 1331 to 1356

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 284

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission proposes to amend the blanket certificates for unbundled gas sales services held by interstate natural gas pipelines and the blanket marketing certificates held by persons making sales for resale of gas at negotiated rates in interstate commerce to require that pipelines and all sellers for resale adhere to a code of conduct with respect to gas sales. (Docket No. RM03—10—000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/07/03	68 FR 40207
NPRM Comment Period End	08/18/03	68 FR 46133
Final Rule	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902—AC45

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

## Completed Actions

**4198. CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 375; 18 CFR 388

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule Effective	04/02/03	
Order on Rehearing	08/06/03	68 FR 46456

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902—AC11

## FERC

## Completed Actions

**4199. ACCOUNTING, FINANCIAL REPORTING, AND RATE FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35; 18 CFR 101; 18 CFR 154; 18 CFR 201; 18 CFR 346; 18 CFR 352**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	04/21/03	68 FR 19610
Final Rule Effective	05/21/03	
Order on Rehearing	07/31/03	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Mark Klose

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**RIN:** 1902-AC34**4200. STANDARDS FOR BUSINESS PRACTICES OF INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 284**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	03/21/03	68 FR 13813
Final Rule Effective	04/21/03	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Michael Goldenberg

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**RIN:** 1902-AC37**4201. • DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.

Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 551 to 557; 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 791 to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 42 USC 7101 to 7352**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 375; 18 CFR 376**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Commission amended its regulations on delegations of authority to reflect changes in the Commission's internal structure. Specifically, the Commission duplicated existing authorities delegated to the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates and General Counsel for the newly formed Office of Market Oversight and Investigation. (Docket No. RM03—7—000.)**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule Effective	05/07/03	
Final Rule	05/14/03	68 FR 25814

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Arlene T. McCarthy, Staff Attorney, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the General Counsel, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426  
Phone: 202 502—8567**RIN:** 1902-AC41**4202. • POLICY STATEMENT ON CONSULTATION WITH INDIAN TRIBES IN COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 792 to 825y; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 42 USC 4321 to 4361; 42 USC 7101 to 7352; 5 USC 601**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 2**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Commission issued this policy statement to articulate its commitment to promote a government—to—government relationship between itself and federally—recognized Indian tribes. The policy statement establishes a tribal liaison position as well as establishing certain actions specific to the hydroelectric program. (Docket No. PL03—4—000.)**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule — Policy Statement	08/06/03	68 FR 46452
Final Rule Effective	09/05/03	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Agency Contact:** Elizabeth Molloy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the General Counsel, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426  
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