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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

15 CFR Parts 740, 742, 748, 754, and 772

[Docket No. 030425102-6179-03]

RIN 0694-AC20

Mandatory Use of Simplified Network Application Processing System

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule—withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is withdrawing a proposed rule that would have made use of the Simplified Network Application Process (SNAP) mandatory and that would have comprehensively revised the provisions of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) that govern electronic filing. BIS is continuing to work on improvements to its on-line application system and will issue new rules as needed to implement those improvements.

DATES: The proposed rule is withdrawn as of July 13, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 12, 2003 (68 FR 64009), the Bureau of Industry and Security published a proposed rule that would have required that all applications for export licenses, reexport licenses, license exception AGR submissions, classification requests and encryption review requests be submitted via a to-be-instituted revised Simplified Network Application Process unless certain enumerated exceptions applied, and that would have extensively revised the requirements for electronic filing of certain applications (the November 2003 proposed rule). The November 2003 proposed rule would also have allowed organizations that use the system, once

registered, to add, remove and adjust the authority level of individual users authorized to file applications and notices on behalf of that organization. The November 2003 proposed rule would have permitted the electronic filing of attachments, and required that all attachments to applications and notices be in text searchable pdf format.

The original comment period expired on January 12, 2004, but was extended to February 12, 2004 (69 FR 1685, January 12, 2004). BIS received 16 comments on the proposed rule. Although a number of commenters generally favored expanded electronic filing in principle, many were opposed to the requirement that attachments be in text searchable pdf format, generally citing the cost of producing such documents, particularly if the source documents had to be scanned from poor quality, oversized or bound originals. Other commenters opposed making electronic filing mandatory, and still others, although not opposed to mandatory electronic filing in principle, stated that no mandatory filing rule should be imposed until after the improved system had been deployed and was operating reliably.

Since the publication of the November 2003 proposed rule, BIS has reassessed its efforts to improve electronic filing of license applications and as a result of that reassessment, determined to release improvements and modifications to its electronic filing system in small installments rather than in the single complete restructuring that the November 2003 proposed rule contemplated. BIS may at times find it necessary to amend the Export Administration Regulations to conform with some of those installments. However, BIS has concluded that a single rule comprehensively rewriting the EAR provisions relating to electronic filing as it proposed in the November 2003 proposed rule no longer is consistent with the manner in which it plans to modernize its electronic filing process. In addition, BIS agrees with the commenters to the November 2003 proposed rule who stated that any revised electronic system should be put into place and be operating reliably before any rule making its use mandatory is published.

Accordingly, BIS is withdrawing the November 2003 proposed rule. BIS is continuing to work on improvements to its on-line application system and will issue new rules as needed to implement those improvements.

Dated: June 30, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 366, 367, 368, 369 and 375

[Docket No. RM06-11-000]

Financial Accounting, Reporting and Records Retention Requirements Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005

Issued June 30, 2006.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Notice of agenda, panelists and questions for July 18, 2006 Technical Conference.

SUMMARY: On April 21, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-docketed proceeding concerning Financial Accounting, Reporting and Records Retention Requirements Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, 71 FR 28464, May 16, 2006. The Commission is convening a technical conference on July 18, 2006, to identify issues associated with the proposed Uniform System of Accounts for Centralized Service Companies, the proposed records retention requirements for holding companies and service companies, and the Revised Form 60. By this notice, the Commission is providing the agenda, panelists and a list of questions that will be addressed by the panelists at this conference.

DATES: Conference will be held on July 18, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Agenda, Panelists and Questions

As announced on April 21 and June 16, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a technical conference and workshop in