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(1) Measure  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 inches, except that a table, chart, diagram, or other attachment may be larger if folded to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 inches and attached to the document;

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(5) Be double-spaced except for footnotes and long quotations, which may be single-spaced;

(6) Have margins of at least 1 inch; and

(7) Be bound on the left side, if bound.

(b) *Caption*. Each document filed under §§1.610 through 1.660 must begin with a caption that sets forth:

(1) The name of the case under §§1.610 through 1.660 and the docket number, if one has been assigned;

(2) The name and docket number of the license proceeding to which the case under §§1.610 through 1.660 relates; and

(3) A descriptive title for the document, indicating the party for whom it is filed and the nature of the document.

(c) Signature. The original of each document filed under §§1.610 through 1.660 must be signed by the representative of the person for whom the document is filed. The signature constitutes a certification by the representative that he or she has read the document; that to the best of his or her knowledge, information, and belief, the statements made in the document are true; and that the document is not being filed for the purpose of causing delay.

(d) *Contact information*. Below the representative's signature, the document must provide the representative's name, mailing address, street address (if different), telephone number, facsimile number (if any), and electronic mail address (if any).

# §1.612 Where and how must documents be filed?

(a) *Place of filing.* Any documents relating to a case under §§1.610 through 1.660 must be filed with the appropriate office, as follows: (1) Before NFS refers a case for docketing under §1.625, any documents must be filed with NFS. NFS's address, telephone number, and facsimile number are set forth in §1.602.

(2) NFS will notify the parties of the date on which it refers a case for docketing under §1.625. After that date, any documents must be filed with:

(i) The Hearing Clerk, if USDA will be conducting the hearing. The Hearing Clerk's address, telephone number, and facsimile number are set forth in §1.602; or

(ii) The hearings component of or used by another Department, if that Department will be conducting the hearing under §1.625. The name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the appropriate hearings component will be provided in the referral notice from the Forest Service.

(b) *Method of filing*. (1) A document must be filed with the appropriate office under paragraph (a) of this section using one of the following methods:

(i) By hand delivery of the original document;

(ii) By sending the original document by express mail or courier service for delivery on the next business day; or

(iii) By sending the document by facsimile if:

(A) The document is 20 pages or less, including all attachments;

(B) The sending facsimile machine confirms that the transmission was successful; and

(C) The original of the document is sent by regular mail on the same day.

(2) Parties are encouraged, but not required, to supplement any filing by providing the appropriate office with an electronic copy of the document on diskette or compact disc.

(c) Date of filing. A document under §§1.610 through 1.660 is considered filed on the date it is received. However, any document received after 5 p.m. at the place where the filing is due is considered filed on the next regular business day.

(d) Nonconforming documents. If any document submitted for filing under §§1.610 through 1.660 does not comply with the requirements of §§1.610 through 1.660 or any applicable order, it may be rejected. If the defect is §1.613

minor, the party may be notified of the defect and given a chance to correct it.

#### \$1.613 What are the requirements for service of documents?

(a) Filed documents. Any document related to a case under §§1.610 through 1.660 must be served at the same time the document is delivered or sent for filing. Copies must be served as follows:

(1) A complete copy of any request for a hearing under §1.621 must be served on FERC and each license party, using one of the methods of service in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) A complete copy of any notice of intervention and response under §1.622 must be:

(i) Served on FERC, the license applicant, any person who has filed a request for hearing under §1.621, and the Forest Service, using one of the methods of service in paragraph (c) of this section; and

(ii) Sent to any other license party using regular mail.

(3) A complete copy of any other filed document must be served on each party, using one of the methods of service in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) Documents issued by the Hearing Clerk or ALJ. A complete copy of any notice, order, decision, or other document issued by the Hearing Clerk or the ALJ under §§1.610 through 1.660 must be served on each party, using one of the methods of service in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Method of service*. Service must be accomplished by one of the following methods:

(1) By hand delivery of the document;(2) By sending the document by ex-

press mail or courier service for delivery on the next business day;

(3) By sending the document by facsimile if:

(i) The document is 20 pages or less, including all attachments;

(ii) The sending facsimile machine confirms that the transmission was successful; and

(iii) The document is sent by regular mail on the same day; or

(4) By sending the document, including all attachments, by electronic mail if:

(i) A copy of the document is sent by regular mail on the same day; and

(ii) The party acknowledges receipt of the document by close of the next business day.

(d) Acknowledgment of service. Any party who receives a document under §§1.610 through 1.660 by electronic mail must promptly send a reply electronic mail message acknowledging receipt.

(e) Certificate of service. A certificate of service must be attached to each document filed under §§1.610 through 1.660. The certificate must be signed by the party's representative and include the following information:

(1) The name, address, and other contact information of each party's representative on whom the document was served;

(2) The means of service, including information indicating compliance with paragraph (c)(3) or (c)(4) of this section, if applicable; and

(3) The date of service.

INITIATION OF HEARING PROCESS

## §1.620 What supporting information must the Forest Service provide with its preliminary conditions?

(a) Supporting information. (1) When the Forest Service files preliminary conditions with FERC, it must include a rationale for the conditions and an index to the Forest Service's administrative record that identifies all documents relied upon.

(2) If any of the documents relied upon are not already in the license proceeding record, the Forest Service must:

(i) File them with FERC at the time it files the preliminary conditions; and

(ii) Provide paper or electronic copies to the license applicant.

(b) Service. In addition to serving a copy of its preliminary conditions on each license party, the Forest Service must provide a copy to the Hearing Clerk if and when a request for a hearing is filed with respect to the preliminary conditions.

### §1.621 How do I request a hearing?

(a) *General*. To request a hearing on disputed issues of material fact with respect to any condition filed by the Forest Service, you must:

(1) Be a license party; and

(2) File with NFS a written request for a hearing within 30 days after the