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refunds, to the extent the company agrees.

(e) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, requests for waiver of the requirements of parts 352 and 356 of this chapter, except if the matters involve unusually large transactions or unique or controversial features, the Director must present the matters to the Commission for consideration.

(f) Prescribe the updated fees for part 381 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.104 of this chapter.

(g) Prescribe the updated fees for part 381 of this chapter in accordance with § 388.109(b)(2) of this chapter.

(h) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for waiver of fees prescribed in § 381.302 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.106(b) of this chapter.

(i) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for exemption from fees prescribed in part 381 of this chapter in accordance with § 381.108 of this chapter.

(j) Determine the annual charges for administrative costs, for use of United States lands, and for use of government dams or other structures.

(k) Grant or deny waiver of penalty charges for late payment of annual charges.

(l) Give credit for overpayment of annual charges.

(m) Deny or grant, in whole or in part, petitions for exemption from annual charges under § 11.6 of this chapter for state and municipal licensees.

(n) Grant or deny petitions for waiver of annual charges for oil pipelines.

[Order 613, 64 FR 73407, Dec. 30, 1999]

### § 375.313 Delegations to the Critical Energy Infrastructure Information Coordinator.

The Commission authorizes the Coordinator or the Coordinator's designee to:

(a) Receive and review all requests for critical energy infrastructure information as defined in § 388.113(c)(1).

(b) Make determinations as to whether particular information fits within the definition of CEII found at § 388.113(c)(1).

(c) Make determinations as to whether a particular requester's need for and ability and willingness to protect critical energy infrastructure information

warrants limited disclosure of the information to the requester.

(d) Establish reasonable conditions on the release of critical energy infrastructure information.

(e) Release critical energy infrastructure information to requesters who satisfy the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section and agree in writing to abide by any conditions set forth by the Coordinator pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

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## PART 376—ORGANIZATION, MISSION, AND FUNCTIONS; OPERATIONS DURING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

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### Subpart A—Organization, Mission, and Functions

#### § 376.101 Purpose.

This subpart sets forth the organization, mission and functions of the Commission, and its offices and divisions.

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### § 376.102 Organization.

The Commission is established as an independent regulatory Commission within the DOE by the DOE Act. The Commission is composed of five members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. One of the members is designated by the President as the Chairman. To carry out its mission and functions, the Chairman has organized the Commission into a number of major offices, some of which are further organized into divisions and lower units. The organization of the Commission staff structure may be obtained from the Division of Public Information.

### § 376.103 Mission.

The Commission is responsible for developing, managing, and directing energy regulatory programs and activities assigned to it by statute, executive orders, or by the Secretary, DOE. The Chairman serves as the chief executive officer of the Commission and is responsible for the conduct of all Commission executive and administrative functions. In carrying out its mission, the Commission and its employees are not subject to the supervision or direction of any other official of DOE.

### § 376.104 Functions.

The functions of the Commission include:

- (a) All functions vested in the Commission under the DOE Act;
- (b) All functions delegated to the Commission by the Secretary of Energy in accordance with the DOE Act; and
- (c) All functions vested in the Commission by statute.

### § 376.105 Chairman.

(a) *Administrative head of agency.* The Chairman is the administrative head of the Commission.

(b) *Administrative responsibilities.* The Chairman is responsible on behalf of the Commission for the executive and administrative operation of the Commission, including functions of the Commission with respect to—

- (1) The appointment and employment of Administrative Law Judges in ac-

cordance with the provisions of Title 5, United States Code.

(2) The selection, appointment, and fixing of the compensation of such personnel as he deems necessary.

(3) The supervision of personnel employed by or assigned to the Commission, except that each Commissioner may select and supervise personnel for his personal staff.

(4) The distribution of business among personnel and among administrative units of the Commission.

(5) The procurement of services of experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of Title 5, United States Code.

[45 FR 21222, Apr. 1, 1980, as amended by Order 613, 64 FR 73407, Dec. 30, 1999]

## Subpart B—Commission Operation During Emergency Conditions

### § 376.201 Emergency condition defined.

For purposes of this subpart, emergency conditions:

(a) Shall commence:

(1) At the time of an armed attack upon the United States, or its territories or possessions;

(2) At the time the Commission is officially notified of the likelihood or imminence of such an attack; or

(3) At a time specified by the authority of the President; and

(b) Shall continue until the Commission is officially notified of the end of such conditions.

### § 376.202 Authority to move Commission offices.

The Commission may provide for removal of its headquarters to any location in the United States for the duration of emergency conditions. Consistent with directives of the Chairman, the Commission officer or employee in charge of a regional office of the Commission may move such office to a new location in the United States for the duration of emergency conditions.

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### § 376.203 Mailing address of Commission during emergency conditions.

The Chairman may direct that during the continuance of emergency conditions, communications, filings, reports, or other submittals to the Commission shall be addressed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Official Mail and Messenger Service, United States Postal Service to such or other address as the Commission may designate.

### § 376.204 Delegation of Commission's authority during emergency conditions.

(a) *Delegation of authority to one or two Commissioners.* During emergency conditions, the Commission shall function as usual, if a quorum of the Commission is available and capable of acting. If by reason of such conditions a quorum of the Commission is not available and capable of acting, all functions of the Commission are delegated to the Commissioner or Commissioners who are available and capable of acting.

(b) *Delegation of authority to Commission staff.* (1) When, by reason of emergency conditions, there is no Commissioner available and capable of acting, the functions of the Commission are delegated to the first five members of the Commission staff on the list set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section who are available and capable of acting.

(2) The list referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of this section is:

- (i) Director of the Office of Finance, Accounting and Operations;
- (ii) Director of the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates;
- (iii) Director of the Office of Energy Projects;
- (iv) General Counsel;
- (v) Executive Assistant to the Chairman;
- (vi) Deputy Directors, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, in order of seniority;
- (vii) Deputy Directors, Office of Energy Projects, in order of seniority;
- (viii) Deputy General Counsel;
- (ix) Associate General Counsels, Assistant General Counsels and Solicitor, in order of seniority;

(x) Assistant Directors and Division heads, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates; Assistant Directors and Division heads, Office of Energy Projects; and Assistant General Counsels; in order of seniority.

(3) For purposes of paragraph (b)(2) of this section order of seniority shall be based on the highest grade and longest period of service in that grade but without regard to the particular office or Division to which assigned.

(c) *Reconsideration of staff action taken under delegations.* Action taken pursuant to the delegations provided for in this section shall be subject to reconsideration by the Commission, acting with a quorum, within thirty days after the date upon which public notice is given that a quorum of the Commission has been reconstituted and is functioning.

[45 FR 21222, Apr. 1, 1980, as amended by Order 613, 64 FR 73407, Dec. 30, 1999]

### § 376.205 Delegation of Chairman's authority during emergency conditions.

When, by reason of emergency conditions, the Chairman is not available and capable of acting, his functions are delegated to the Commissioner available and capable of acting and who is designated by the President. Until such time as the President designates, or if no such Commissioner is designated, such functions are delegated to the Commissioner designated by the Chairman as Acting Chairman, but if such Acting Chairman is not available and capable of acting such functions are delegated to the Commissioner who is available and capable of acting and who has the longest tenure as a member of the Commission. If there is no Commissioner available and capable of acting, such functions are delegated to the person on the Commission staff who is available and capable of acting and who is highest on the list set forth in § 376.204(b)(2).

### § 376.206 Delegation of functions of certain Commission staff members.

When, by reason of emergency conditions, the Secretary; Director of the Office of Finance, Accounting and Operations; Director of any Office or Division, or officer in charge of a regional

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office, is not available and capable of carrying out his functions, such functions are delegated to staff members designated by the Chairman to perform such functions. If no staff member so designated is available and capable of carrying out his functions, such functions are delegated to the next subordinate employee in the Office or Division of the highest grade and longest period of service in that grade.

[Order 613, 64 FR 73408, Dec. 30, 1999]

**§ 376.207 Personnel and fiscal functions.**

Subject to modifications or revocation by authority of the Director of the Office of Finance, Accounting and Operations, during the continuation of emergency conditions authority to effect temporary appointments of such additional officers and employees, to classify and allocate positions to their proper grades, to issue travel orders, and to effect emergency purchases of supplies, equipment and services shall be exercised by the respective Directors of Offices and officials in charge of regional offices, their deputies, or staff in line of succession, as may be required for the discharge of the lawful duties of such organization.

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**§ 376.208 Effect upon existing Commission requirements.**

All outstanding Commission orders, rules and regulations shall remain in force and effect during the continuance of emergency conditions, except to the extent modified in accordance with authority exercised under this subpart.

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**APPENDIX A TO PART 380—MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS UNDER THE NATURAL GAS ACT**

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**§ 380.1 Purpose.**

The regulations in this part implement the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. These regulations supplement the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 (1986). The Commission will comply with the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality except where those regulations are inconsistent with the statutory requirements of the Commission.

**§ 380.2 Definitions and terminology.**

- For purposes of this part—
- (a) *Categorical exclusion* means a category of actions described in § 380.4, which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which the Commission has found to have no such effect and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. The Commission may decide to prepare environmental assessments for the reasons stated in § 380.4(b).
  - (b) *Commission* means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
  - (c) *Council* means the Council on Environmental Quality.
  - (d) *Environmental assessment* means a concise public document for which the