§ 300.13 Waiver of filing requirements.

The Administrator must request waiver of any requirement of this subpart if an application that does not fully comply with that requirement is not to be considered deficient. The request must state the Administrator’s reasons for such noncompliance and show good cause for any waiver.

§ 300.14 Filings under section 7(k).

Any application for Commission review and approval of a rate or rate schedules established by the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration pursuant to section 7(k) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act must be filed in compliance with the provisions of §35.13(a)(2) of part 35 of this chapter and with the provisions of this part, and must include the classifications, practices, rules and regulations affecting the rate and charges and all contracts which in any manner affect or relate to such rate, charges, classifications, services, rules, regulations, or practices. However, such classifications, practices, rules, regulations or contracts which may affect or relate to rates will not be subject to Commission approval unless they are determined to be rates or rate schedules.

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Subpart C—Commission Rate Review and Approval

§ 300.20 Interim acceptance and review of Bonneville Power Administration rates.

(a) Opportunity to comment. The Commission will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice of any filing made under this part, for which interim approval is requested. This notice will give interested persons an opportunity to submit written comments on whether interim approval should be granted.

(b) Action on request for interim rate acceptance—1) Deficient applications. Upon receipt of an application that does not comply with the requirements of this part, the Commission may:

(2) Any Power Repayment Study (PRS) submitted for this purpose must be developed using currently approved rates for estimating future revenues. If the filed rates differ from the current rates, the Administrator must provide a PRS which uses the level of revenues produced by the proposed rates. Unless otherwise required by statute, a PRS must contain only those investments in plant which will be in commercial operation during the proposed rate approval period, except replacements. Forecasts of costs beyond the rate test period must be based on conditions prevailing during the period, unless unusual circumstances warrant otherwise.

(3) A PRS must include, but need not be limited to, those items listed below:

(i) Operating revenues;
(ii) Operating expenses;
(iii) Interest expense;
(iv) Investment placed in service (using totals if the supporting statement annually shows a breakdown into the appropriate subcategories under each major heading), including the initial project, additions, replacements, and the total investment;
(v) Investment amortized;
(vi) Remaining unamortized investment;
(vii) Allowable unamortized investment (using totals if the supporting statement annually shows a breakdown into the appropriate subcategories under each major heading), including irrigation investment assigned to be repaid from power revenues (using totals if the supporting statement annually shows a breakdown into the appropriate subcategories under each major heading), including irrigation investment assigned to power, investment repaid, remaining unpaid investment, and allowable unpaid investment; and
(ix) Cumulative status of repayment.
(c) Cost of service study. For any project or system which provides more than one class of service for which differing rates are proposed, a cost of service study, if available, must be provided which shows how the costs of providing each service have been determined. If rates and charges have not been formulated on a cost related basis, the basis for each rate or charge should be explained.
§ 300.21 Final confirmation and approval.

(a) Opportunity to comment and intervene. (1) The Commission will publish notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER giving interested persons an opportunity:

(i) To submit initial and reply comments on any filing made under subpart B; and

(ii) To intervene in any proceeding held on such filing.

(2) With respect to the Bonneville Power Administration:

(i) Such notice will also give interested persons an opportunity to comment on whether it is necessary to hold a hearing on non-regional rates under section 7(k) of the Northwest Power Act and the issues to be resolved at such hearing.

(ii) This notice may be part of any Commission order granting interim approval under §300.20 of this part.

(b) Proceedings under section 7(k). For the Bonneville Power Administration, the Commission will publish a separate order if it determines that a hearing is necessary under section 7(k) of the Northwest Power Act. This order will, if appropriate, delineate the issues to be resolved at such hearing. Such hearing will be held in accordance with the procedures established for ratemaking by the Commission pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

(c) Standards of review for the Bonneville Power Administration—(1) Rates under section 7(a). The Commission will review any rate established by the Administrator under section 7(a) of the Northwest Power Act for compliance with the following standards:

(i) The rates must be sufficient to ensure repayment of the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System over a reasonable number of years after first meeting the Administrator’s other costs.

(ii) The rates must be based upon the Administrator’s total system costs.

(iii) With respect to transmission rates, the rates must equitably allocate the costs of the Federal transmission system between Federal and non-federal power utilizing such system.

(2) Rates under section 7(k). The Commission will review any rate established by the Administrator under section 7(k) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act for compliance with the requirements of the Bonneville Project Act, the Flood Control Act of 1944, and the