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best adapted to serve the public interest, the Commission will consider the factors enumerated in sections 15(a)(2)and (a)(3) of the Federal Power Act.

(2) If there are only insignificant differences between the final applications of an existing licensee and a competing Applicant after consideration of the factors enumerated in section 15(a)(2)of the Federal Power Act, the Commission will determine which Applicant will receive the license after considering:

(i) The existing licensee's record of compliance with the terms and conditions of the existing license; and

(ii) The actions taken by the existing licensee related to the project which affect the public.

(iii) An existing licensee that files an application for a new license in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of all or part of the project will not be considered an existing licensee for the purpose of the insignificant differences provision of section 15(a)(2) of the Federal Power Act.

(j) Fees under section 30(e) of the Federal Power Act. The requirements of 18 CFR part 4, subpart M, of this chapter, fees under section 30(e) of the Federal Power Act, apply to license applications developed under this part.

§5.30 Critical energy infrastructure information.

If any action required by this part requires a potential Applicant or Applicant to reveal Critical Energy Infrastructure Information, as defined by §388.113(c) of this chapter, to the public, the Applicant must follow the procedures set out in §4.32(k) of this chapter.

§5.31 Transition provision.

This part shall apply to license applications for which the deadline for filing a notification of intent to seek a new or subsequent license, or for filing a notification of intent to file an original license application, as required by §5.5 of this part, is July 23, 2005 or later.

PART 6—SURRENDER OR TERMINATION OF LICENSE

Sec.

6.1 Application for surrender.

6.2 Surrender of license.

6.3 Termination of license.

6.4 Termination by implied surrender.

6.5 Annual charges.

AUTHORITY: Secs. 6, 10(i), 13, 41 Stat. 1067, 1068, 1071, as amended, sec. 309, 49 Stat. 858; 16 U.S.C. 799, 803(i), 806, 825h; Pub. L. 96-511, 94 Stat. 2812 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), unless otherwise noted.

§6.1 Application for surrender.

Every application for surrender of a license shall state the reason therefor; and, except in the case of an application for surrender of a license for a minor project, or for a transmission line only, shall be executed by the licensee and filed in the same form and manner as the application for license, and shall be accompanied by the license and all amendments thereof. Public notice of such application shall be given at least 30 days prior to action upon the application.

(Secs. 308 and 309; 49 Stat. 858, 859 (16 U.S.C. 825g, 825h))

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CROSS REFERENCES: For application for license, general provisions, see \$4.30 to 4.33, inclusive, of this chapter. For application for license for proposed major project or minor part thereof, see \$4.40 to 4.41, inclusive, of this chapter. For application for license for constructed major project or minor part thereof, see \$4.50 and 4.51 of this chapter.

§6.2 Surrender of license.

Licenses may be surrendered only upon the fulfillment by the licensee of such obligations under the license as the Commission may prescribe, and, if the project works authorized under the license have been constructed in whole or in part, upon such conditions with respect to the disposition of such works as may be determined by the Commission. Where project works have been constructed on lands of the United States the licensee will be required to restore the lands to a condition satisfactory to the Department having supervision over such lands and annual charges will continue until such