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by a resource when the resource is accurately following the dispatch signal.

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### **§ 35.29 Treatment of special assessments levied under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by Title XI of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.**

The costs that public utilities incur relating to special assessments under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, are costs that may be reflected in jurisdictional rates. Public utilities seeking to recover the costs incurred relating to special assessments shall comply with the following procedures.

(a) *Fuel adjustment clauses.* In computing the Account 518 cost of nuclear fuel pursuant to § 35.14(a)(6), utilities seeking to recover the costs of special assessments through their fuel adjustment clauses shall:

(1) Deduct any expenses associated with special assessments included in Account 518;

(2) Add to Account 518 one-twelfth of any payments made for special assessments within the 12-month period ending with the current month; and

(3) Deduct from Account 518 one-twelfth of any refunds of payments made for special assessments received within the 12-month period ending with the current month that is received from the Federal government because the public utility has contested a special assessment or overpaid a special assessment.

(b) *Cost of service data requirements.* Public utilities filing rate applications under §§ 35.12 or 35.13 (regardless of whether the utility elects the abbreviated, unadjusted Period I, adjusted Period I, or Period II cost support requirements) must submit cost data that is computed in accordance with the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) (1), (2) and (3) of this section.

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(c) *Formula rates.* Public utilities with formula rates on file that provide for the automatic recovery of nuclear fuel costs must reflect the costs of special assessments in accordance with the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) (1), (2) and (3) of this section.

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### **Subpart D—Procedures and Requirements for Public Utility Sales of Power to Bonneville Power Administration Under Northwest Power Act**

AUTHORITY: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 792–828c (1976 and Supp. IV 1980) and Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 830–839h (Supp. IV (1980)).

#### **§ 35.30 General provisions.**

(a) *Applicability.* This subpart applies to any sales of electric power subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under Part II of the Federal Power Act from public utilities to the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) at the average system cost (ASC) of that utility's resources (electric power generation by the utility) pursuant to section 5(c) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 830–839h. The ASC is determined by BPA in accordance with 18 CFR part 301.

(b) *Effectiveness of rates.* (1) During the period between the date of BPA's determination of ASC and the date of the final order issued by the Commission, the utility may charge the rate based on the ASC determined by BPA, subject to § 35.31(c) of this part.

(2) Except as otherwise provided under this section, the ASC ordered by the Commission will be deemed in effect from the beginning of the relevant exchange period, as defined in § 301.1(b)(95) of this chapter. For any initial exchange period after the Commission approves a new ASC methodology, the ASC will be effective retroactively under this paragraph only if the utility files its new ASC within the time allowed under BPA procedures. Any utility that files a revised ASC

with BPA in accordance with this paragraph must promptly file with the Commission a notice of timely filing of the new ASC.

(c) *Filing requirements.* Within 15 business days of the date of issuance of the BPA report on a utility's ASC, the utility must file with the Commission the ASC determined by BPA, the BPA written report, the utility's ASC schedules, material necessary to comply with 18 CFR 35.13(c), and any other material requested by the Commission or its staff.

[Order 337, 48 FR 46976, Oct. 17, 1983, as amended by Order 400, 49 FR 39300, Oct. 5, 1984]

#### § 35.31 Commission review.

(a) *Procedures.* Filings under this subpart are subject to the procedures applicable to other filings under section 205 of the Federal Power Act, as the Commission deems appropriate.

(b) *Commission standard.* With respect to any filing under this subpart, the Commission will determine whether the ASC set by BPA for the applicable exchange period was determined in accordance with the ASC methodology set forth at 18 CFR 301.1. If the ASC is not in accord with the methodology, the Commission will order that BPA amend the ASC to conform with the methodology. If the ASC is in accord with the methodology, the rate is deemed just and reasonable.

(c) *Refunds and adjustments.* (1) Any ASC-based rate charged by a public utility under this subpart pending Commission order is subject to refund or to adjustment that increases the ASC-based rate.

(2) Any interest on refunds ordered by the Commission under this subpart is computed in accordance with 18 CFR 35.19a. Interest on any increase ordered by the Commission will be at the rate charged to BPA by the U.S. Treasury during that period, unless the Commission orders another interest rate.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1902-0096)

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### Subpart E—Regulations Governing Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Trust Funds

#### § 35.32 General provisions.

(a) If a public utility has elected to provide for the decommissioning of a nuclear power plant through a nuclear plant decommissioning trust fund (Fund), the Fund must meet the following criteria:

(1) The Fund must be an external trust fund in the United States, established pursuant to a written trust agreement, that is independent of the utility, its subsidiaries, affiliates or associates. If the trust fund includes monies collected both in Commission-jurisdictional rates and in non-Commission-jurisdictional rates, then a separate account of the Commission-jurisdictional monies shall be maintained.

(2) The utility may provide overall investment policy to the Trustee or Investment Manager, but it may do so only in writing, and neither the utility nor its subsidiaries, affiliates or associates may serve as Investment Manager or otherwise engage in day-to-day management of the Fund or mandate individual investment decisions.

(3) The Fund's Investment Manager must exercise the standard of care, whether in investing or otherwise, that a prudent investor would use in the same circumstances. The term "prudent investor" means a prudent investor as described in Restatement of the Law (Third), Trusts § 227, including general comments and reporter's notes, pages 8-101. St. Paul, MN: American Law Institute Publishers, (1992). ISBN 0-314-84246-2. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from the American Law Institute, 4025 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, and are also available in local law libraries. Copies may be inspected at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Library, Room 95-01, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: <http://>