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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**18 CFR Ch. I**

**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission voluntarily submits information about rulemakings under development. Of the 14 rulemakings listed, 12 are current or projected rulemakings, and 2 are completed actions.

**DATES:** The dates provided represent goals, not commitments, and may be revised due to shifts in workload,

changes in priorities, or extensive public comments. See the various dates listed for each specific rulemaking.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Person listed for each specific rulemaking.  
Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

**Proposed Rule Stage**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4564	Secondary Market Transactions on Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines .....	1902-AB68
4565	Capacity Reservation Open Access Transmission Tariffs .....	1902-AB69

**Long-Term Actions**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4566	Administrative Determination of Full Avoided Costs, Sales of Power to Qualifying Facilities and Interconnection Facilities .....	1902-AB00
4567	Revisions to the Certification Statement and Regulations and to the Basic Financial Statements of FERC Annual Reports for Electric Utilities and Licensees .....	1902-AB20
4568	Modification of Steam-Electric Plant Schedules, Hydroelectric Plant Schedules, and Pumped Storage Plant Schedules in the FERC Form No. 1 .....	1902-AB21
4569	Elimination of Unneeded Pages in the FERC Form No. 1 .....	1902-AB33
4570	Revision of the Commission's Preservation of Records Regulations for Public Utilities, Licensees, Natural Gas Companies, and Oil Pipeline Companies .....	1902-AB34
4571	Elimination of Unnecessary Filing Requirements From the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Public Utilities and Licensees .....	1902-AB35
4572	Treatment of Responses to FERC Form No. 580 Interrogatories .....	1902-AB57
4573	Revision of Fuel Cost-Adjustment Clause Regulation Relating to Fuel Purchases From Company-Owned or Controlled Source .....	1902-AB58
4574	Alternative Power Pooling Institutions Under the Federal Power Act .....	1902-AB59
4575	Inquiry Concerning Commission's Merger Policy Under The Federal Power Act .....	1902-AB70

**Completed Actions**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4576	Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-discriminatory Transmission Service by Public Utilities; Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities .....	1902-AB65
4577	Open Access Same-Time Information System (Formerly Real-Time Information Networks) and Standards of Conduct .....	1902-AB66

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)**

**Proposed Rule Stage**

**4564. • SECONDARY MARKET TRANSACTIONS ON INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 717 to 717w; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 42 USC 7101 to 7352; 42 USC 7651 to 7651o; 43 USC 1331 to 1356

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 284

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission proposes to revise its regulations to improve the efficiency of its capacity release mechanism and encourage greater use of this mechanism. (Docket No. RM96-14-000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/07/96	61 FR 41046

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	10/07/96	
<b>Small Entities Affected:</b> None		
<b>Government Levels Affected:</b> None		
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<b>RIN:</b> 1902-AB68		

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing a rule for transmission tariff filings based on capacity reservations for all transmission users. (Docket No. RM96-11-000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/10/96	61 FR 21847
NPRM Comment Period Extended	07/25/96	61 FR 38663
NPRM Comment Period End	08/01/96	
Comment Period Extended to	10/21/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**RIN:** 1902-AB69

**4565. • CAPACITY RESERVATION OPEN ACCESS TRANSMISSION TARIFFS**

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined

**Major:** Undetermined

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35

**Legal Deadline:** None

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)**

**Long-Term Actions**

**4566. ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION OF FULL AVOIDED COSTS, SALES OF POWER TO QUALIFYING FACILITIES AND INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 292

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/22/88	53 FR 9331
NPRM Comment Period End	06/14/88	
Final Rule	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**RIN:** 1902-AB00

**4567. REVISIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT AND REGULATIONS AND TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FERC ANNUAL REPORTS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND LICENSEES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 41

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902-AB20

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Joseph M. Harkins  
Phone: 202 219-2617

**RIN:** 1902-AB21

**4569. ELIMINATION OF UNNEEDED PAGES IN THE FERC FORM NO. 1**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 141

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Audrey C. Wong  
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**RIN:** 1902-AB33

**4568. MODIFICATION OF STEAM-ELECTRIC PLANT SCHEDULES, HYDROELECTRIC PLANT SCHEDULES, AND PUMPED STORAGE PLANT SCHEDULES IN THE FERC FORM NO. 1**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 41

**FERC**

**Long-Term Actions**

**4570. REVISION OF THE COMMISSION'S PRESERVATION OF RECORDS REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES, LICENSEES, NATURAL GAS COMPANIES, AND OIL PIPELINE COMPANIES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 125; 18 CFR 225; 18 CFR 356

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None  
**Government Levels Affected:** None  
**Agency Contact:** Robert J. Lynch  
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**RIN:** 1902-AB34

**4571. ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY FILING REQUIREMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION'S UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS PRESCRIBED FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LICENSEES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 101

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None  
**Government Levels Affected:** None  
**Agency Contact:** James G. Baird  
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**RIN:** 1902-AB35

**4572. TREATMENT OF RESPONSES TO FERC FORM NO. 580 INTERROGATORIES**

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other  
**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 141; 18 CFR 388

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/01/93	58 FR 63312
NPRM Comment	03/04/94	59 FR 1690
Period End		
Final Rule	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None  
**Government Levels Affected:** None  
**Agency Contact:** Gary Cohen  
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**RIN:** 1902-AB57

**4573. REVISION OF FUEL COST-ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE REGULATION RELATING TO FUEL PURCHASES FROM COMPANY-OWNED OR CONTROLLED SOURCE**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/01/93	58 FR 51259
NPRM Comment	11/01/93	
Period End		
Final Rule	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** None  
**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined  
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**RIN:** 1902-AB58

**4574. ALTERNATIVE POWER POOLING INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL POWER ACT**

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other  
**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR ch 1

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Inquiry (NOI)	11/02/94	59 FR 54851
NOI Comment Period	03/02/95	59 FR 54851
End		
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**RIN:** 1902-AB59

**4575. • INQUIRY CONCERNING COMMISSION'S MERGER POLICY UNDER THE FEDERAL POWER ACT**

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined

**Major:** Undetermined

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 824c

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR ch 1

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission issued a Notice of Inquiry requesting comments on whether it should revise its criteria and policies for evaluating public utility mergers in light of fundamental changes in the electric industry and the regulation of that industry. (Docket No. RM96-6-000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Inquiry (NOI)	02/07/96	61 FR 4596
Notice of Inquiry	05/07/96	
Comment Period		
End		
NPRM	00/00/00	

**Small Entities Affected:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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**RIN:** 1902-AB70

## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

## Completed Actions

**4576. PROMOTING WHOLESALE COMPETITION THROUGH OPEN ACCESS NON-DISCRIMINATORY TRANSMISSION SERVICE BY PUBLIC UTILITIES; RECOVERY OF STRANDED COSTS BY PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSMITTING UTILITIES**

**Priority:** Economically Significant.  
Major under 5 USC 801.

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 551 to 557; 15 USC 717 to 717z; 15 USC 3301 to 3432; 16 USC 791a to 825r; 16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701; 42 USC 7101 to 7352; 49 USC 60502; 49 USC app 1 to 85

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 35; 18 CFR 385

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission has amended its regulations to require public utilities to offer transmission access to others on a basis comparable to utilities' own use of transmission systems. The Commission also has established provisions concerning the recovery of stranded costs by public utilities and transmitting utilities. (Docket Nos. RM95-8-000 and RM94-7-000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/07/95	60 FR 17662
NPRM Comment Period End	10/04/95	
Final Action	05/10/96	61 FR 21540
Final Action Effective	07/09/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 1902-AB65

**4577. OPEN ACCESS SAME-TIME INFORMATION SYSTEM (FORMERLY REAL-TIME INFORMATION NETWORKS) AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 791 to 825r;  
16 USC 2601 to 2645; 31 USC 9701;  
42 USC 7101 to 7352

**CFR Citation:** 18 CFR 37

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission has amended its regulations to establish rules governing real-time information networks and standards of conduct to ensure customers have information on transmission capacity and pricing. (Docket No. RM95-9-000.)

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/07/95	60 FR 17726
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/06/95	60 FR 31428
NPRM	12/21/95	60 FR 66182
NPRM Comment Period End	02/05/96	
Final Action	05/10/96	61 FR 21737
Final Action Effective	07/09/96	

**Small Entities Affected:** None

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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