

§ 35.28 Non-discriminatory open access transmission tariff.

(a) *Applicability.* This section applies to any public utility that owns, controls or operates facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce and to any non-public utility that seeks voluntary compliance with jurisdictional transmission tariff reciprocity conditions.

(b) *Definitions—(1) Requirements service agreement* means a contract or rate schedule under which a public utility provides any portion of a customer's bundled wholesale power requirements.

(2) *Economy energy coordination agreement* means a contract, or service schedule thereunder, that provides for trading of electric energy on an "if, as and when available" basis, but does not require either the seller or the buyer to engage in a particular transaction.

(3) *Non-economy energy coordination agreement* means any non-requirements service agreement, except an economy energy coordination agreement as defined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(c) *Non-discriminatory open access transmission tariffs—(1)* Every public utility that owns, controls or operates facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce must have on file with the Commission a tariff of general applicability for transmission services, including ancillary services, over such facilities. Such tariff must be the open access pro forma tariff contained in Order No. 888, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036 (Final Rule on Open Access and Stranded Costs) or such other open access tariff as may be approved by the Commission consistent with Order No. 888, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036.

(i) Subject to the exceptions in paragraphs (c)(1)(ii), (c)(1)(iii), and (c)(1)(iv) of this section, the pro forma tariff contained in Order No. 888, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036, and accompanying rates, must be filed no later than 60 days prior to the date on which a public utility would engage in a sale of electric energy at wholesale in interstate commerce or in the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce.

(ii) If a public utility owns, controls or operates facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in

interstate commerce as of July 9, 1996, it must file the pro forma tariff contained in Order No. 888, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036, pursuant to section 206 of the FPA and accompanying rates pursuant to section 205 of the FPA, no later than July 9, 1996. However, if a public utility has already filed, or has on file, an open access tariff and accompanying rates as of April 24, 1996, it may, but is not required to, file new rates with its section 206 pro forma tariff filing.

(iii) If a public utility owns, controls or operates transmission facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce as of July 9, 1996, such facilities are jointly owned with a non-public utility, and the joint ownership contract prohibits transmission service over the facilities to third parties, the public utility with respect to access over the public utility's share of the jointly owned facilities must file no later than December 31, 1996 the pro forma tariff contained in Order No. 888, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036, pursuant to section 206 of the FPA and accompanying rates pursuant to section 205 of the FPA.

(iv) If a public utility obtains a waiver of the tariff requirement pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, it does not need to file the pro forma tariff required by this section.

(v) Any public utility that seeks a deviation from the pro forma tariff contained in Order No. 888, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036, must demonstrate that the deviation is consistent with the principles of Order No. 888, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036.

(2) Every public utility that owns, controls or operates facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce, and that uses those facilities to engage in wholesale sales and/or purchases of electric energy, or unbundled retail sales of electric energy, must take transmission service for such sales and/or purchases under the open access tariff filed pursuant to this section.

(i) Subject to the exceptions in paragraphs (c)(2)(ii) and (c)(3)(iv) of this section, this requirement is effective on the date that such public utility engages in a wholesale sale or purchase of electric energy or any unbundled retail

sale of electric energy, but no earlier than July 9, 1996.

(ii) For sales of electric energy pursuant to a requirements service agreement executed on or before July 9, 1996, this requirement will not apply unless separately ordered by the Commission. For sales of electric energy pursuant to a bilateral economy energy coordination agreement executed on or before July 9, 1996, this requirement is effective on December 31, 1996. For sales of electric energy pursuant to a bilateral non-economy energy coordination agreement executed on or before July 9, 1996, this requirement will not apply unless separately ordered by the Commission.

(3) Every public utility that owns, controls or operates facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce, and that is a member of a power pool, public utility holding company, or other multi-lateral trading arrangement or agreement that contains transmission rates, terms or conditions, must file a joint pool-wide or system-wide open access transmission pro forma tariff.

(i) For any power pool, public utility holding company or other multi-lateral arrangement or agreement that contains transmission rates, terms or conditions and that is executed after July 9, 1996, this requirement is effective on the date that transactions begin under the arrangement or agreement.

(ii) For any public utility holding company arrangement or agreement that contains transmission rates, terms or conditions and that is executed on or before July 9, 1996, this requirement is effective July 9, 1996, except for the Central and South West System, which must comply no later than December 31, 1996.

(iii) For any power pool or multi-lateral arrangement or agreement other than a public utility holding company arrangement or agreement, that contains transmission rates, terms or conditions and that is executed prior to July 9, 1996, this requirement is effective on December 31, 1996.

(iv) A public utility member of a power pool, public utility holding company or other multi-lateral arrangement or agreement that contains transmission rates, terms or conditions

and that is executed on or before July 9, 1996 must begin to take service under a joint pool-wide or system-wide pro forma tariff for wholesale trades among the pool or system members no later than December 31, 1996.

(d) *Waivers.* A public utility subject to the requirements of this section and Order No. 889, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,037 (Final Rule on Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct) may file a request for waiver of all or part of the requirements of this section, or Part 37 (Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct for Public Utilities), for good cause shown. An application for waiver must be filed either:

(i) No later than July 9, 1996 or

(ii) No later than 60 days prior to the time the public utility would otherwise have to comply with the requirement.

(e) *Non-public utility procedures for tariff reciprocity compliance.* (1) A non-public utility may submit a transmission tariff and a request for declaratory order that its voluntary transmission tariff meets the requirements of Order No. 888 (Final Rule on Open Access and Stranded Costs).

(i) Any submittal and request for declaratory order submitted by a non-public utility will be provided an NJ (non-jurisdictional) docket designation.

(ii) If the submittal is found to be an acceptable transmission tariff, an applicant in a Federal Power Act (FPA) section 211 case against the non-public utility shall have the burden of proof to show why service under the open access tariff is not sufficient and why a section 211 order should be granted.

(2) A non-public utility may file a request for waiver of all or part of the reciprocity conditions contained in a public utility open access tariff, for good cause shown. An application for waiver may be filed at any time.

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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