

service is to commence and become effective under an initial rate schedule or the date on which the filing party proposes to make any change in electric service and/or rate, charge, classification, practice, rule, regulation, or contract effective as a change in rate schedule, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, or unless a different period of time is permitted by the Commission. Nothing herein shall be construed as in any way precluding a public utility from entering into agreements which, under this section, may not be filed at the time of execution thereof by reason of the aforementioned sixty to one hundred-twenty day prior filing requirements. The proposed effective date of any rate schedule filing having a *filing date* in accordance with § 35.2(c) may be deferred at the written request of the filing public utility submitted to the Secretary prior to its acceptance by the Commission.

(b) *Construction of facilities.* Rate schedules predicated on the construction of facilities may be tendered for filing and posted no more than one hundred-twenty days prior to the date set by the parties for the contract to go into effect. The Commission, upon request, may permit a rate schedule or part thereof to be tendered for filing and posted more than one hundred-twenty days before it is to become effective.

(16 U.S.C. 284(d); Pub. L. 95-617; Pub. L. 95-91; E.O. 12009, 42 FR 46267)

[44 FR 16372, Mar. 19, 1979; 44 FR 20077, Apr. 4, 1979]

§ 35.4 Permission to become effective is not approval.

The fact that the Commission permits a rate schedule or any part thereof or any notice of cancellation to become effective shall not constitute approval by the Commission of such rate schedule or part thereof or notice of cancellation.

§ 35.5 Rejection of material submitted for filing.

(a) The Secretary, pursuant to the Commission's rules of practice and procedure and delegation of Commission authority, shall reject any material submitted for filing with the Commission

which patently fails to substantially comply with the applicable requirements set forth in this part, or the Commission's rules of practice and procedure.

(b) A rate filing that fails to comply with this Part may be rejected by the Director of the Office of Markets, Tariffs, and Rates pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director in § 375.307(k)(3) of this chapter.

[Order 271, 28 FR 10573, Oct. 2, 1963, as amended by Order 614, 65 FR 18227, Apr. 7, 2000]

§ 35.6 Submission for staff suggestions.

Any public utility may submit a rate schedule or any part thereof or any material relating thereto for the purpose of receiving staff suggestions and comments thereon prior to filing with the Commission.

§ 35.7 Number of copies to be supplied.

All tariffs, rate schedules and contracts, or parts thereof, and material related thereto including any change in rates, certificates of concurrence, notices of cancellation or termination, and notices of succession, shall be supplied to the Commission for filing in six copies. All copies are to be included in one package, together with six copies of the letter of transmittal and all other materials and information required by these regulations, and addressed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426.

[Order 525, 40 FR 8947, Mar. 4, 1975, as amended by Order 541, 57 FR 21734, May 22, 1992]

§ 35.8 Protests and interventions by interested parties and form for Federal Register notice.

(a) *Protests or interventions.* Unless the notice issued by the Commission provides otherwise, any protest or intervention to a rate filing made pursuant to this part must be filed in accordance with §§ 385.211 and 385.214 of this chapter, on or before 21 days after the subject rate filing. A protest must state the basis for the objection. A protest will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestant a party to the proceeding. A person wishing to become a