

Commission's regulations for applications, including public utility mergers, under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 70984 (Nov. 28, 2000)) with a January 29, 2001 effective date.

The January 20, 2001 memorandum directed the heads of executive departments and federal government agencies to postpone the effective date of regulations published in the **Federal Register** but which had not yet taken effect for 60 days to ensure that his appointees or their designates had an opportunity to review any new or pending regulations (66 FR 7702, January 24, 2001).

The Commission has reviewed Order No. 642, and determined not to delay its effective date. Order No. 642, therefore, will continue to be effective on January 29, 2001.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 352, 357, and 385

[Docket No. RM99-10-000; Order No. 620]

Revisions to and Electronic Filing of the FERC Form No. 6 and Related Uniform System of Accounts

Issued February 15, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Final rule; notice of confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document informs the industry and the public that Order No. 620, revisions to and electronic filing of the FERC Form No. 6 and related uniform system of accounts, a Final Rule amending Parts 352, 357, and 385 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, and revising the associated reporting Form No. 6 schedules and instructions (65 FR 81334 (Dec. 26, 2000)) has been reviewed, and the order's January 25, 2001 effective date will not be postponed.

DATES: The effective date of the final rule amending 18 CFR parts 352, 357, and 385 published at 65 FR 81335 remains January 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary C. Lauermann, Office of the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This notice informs the industry and the public that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has reviewed Order No. 620 and determined not to delay the order's January 25, 2001 effective date.

Order No. 620, a Final Rule amending Parts 352, 357, and 385 of the Commission's regulations, and revising the associated reporting Form No. 6 schedules and instructions, was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 81335 (Dec. 26, 2000)) with a January 25, 2001 effective date.

The January 20, 2001 memorandum directed the heads of executive departments and federal government agencies to postpone the effective date of regulations published in the **Federal Register**, but which had not yet taken effect, for 60 days to ensure that his appointees or their designates had an opportunity to review any new or pending regulations (66 FR 7702, January 24, 2001).

The Commission has reviewed Order No. 620, and determined not to delay its effective date. Order No. 620, therefore, will continue to be effective on January 25, 2001.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Part 9

[T.D. ATF-440 Re: Notice No. 900]

RIN: 1512-AA07

Fair Play Viticultural Area (2000R-170P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule, Treasury decision.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is establishing a viticultural area located in southern El Dorado County, California, to be known as "Fair Play." Brian Fitzpatrick, President of Fair Play Winery Association, filed the petition for this area. ATF believes that the establishment of viticultural areas and the subsequent use of viticultural area names as appellations of origin in wine

labeling and advertising will help consumers identify the wines they may purchase. It will also allow wineries to better designate the specific grape-growing area in which the grapes used in their wine were grown.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 27, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa M. Gesser, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226 (202-927-9347).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background on Viticultural Areas

What Is ATF's Authority To Establish a Viticultural Area?

ATF published Treasury Decision ATF-53 (43 FR 37672, 54624) on August 23, 1978. This decision revised the regulations in 27 CFR part 4, Labeling and Advertising of Wine, to allow the establishment of definitive viticultural areas. The regulations allow the name of an approved viticultural area to be used as an appellation of origin in the labeling and advertising of wine.

On October 2, 1979, ATF published Treasury Decision ATF-60 (44 FR 56692) which added 27 CFR part 9, American Viticultural Areas, for the listing of approved American viticultural areas, the names of which may be used as appellations of origin.

What Is the Definition of an American Viticultural Area?

Section 4.25a(e)(1), title 27, CFR, defines an American viticultural area as a delimited grape-growing region distinguishable by geographical features. Viticultural features such as soil, climate, elevation, topography, etc., distinguish it from surrounding areas.

What Is Required To Establish a Viticultural Area?

Any interested person may petition ATF to establish a grape-growing region as a viticultural area. The petition should include:

- Evidence that the name of the proposed viticultural area is locally and/or nationally known as referring to the area specified in the petition;
- Historical or current evidence that the boundaries of the viticultural area are as specified in the petition;
- Evidence relating to the geographical features (climate, soil, elevation, physical features, etc.) which distinguish the viticultural features of the proposed area from surrounding areas;
- A description of the specific boundaries of the viticultural area, based on features which can be found