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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM02-1-000]

#### Standardizing Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures; Notice of Extension of Time

December 14, 2001.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time.

**SUMMARY:** On October 25, 2001, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) seeking comments on a standard generator interconnection agreement and procedures that would be applicable to all public utilities that own, operate or control transmission facilities under the Federal Power Act, 66 FR 55140 (November 1, 2001). The date for filing comments is being extended at the request of various interested parties.

**DATES:** Comments on the filing of a single consensus document are extended to and including January 11, 2002. Comments on issues posed by the ANOPR shall be filed on or before January 25, 2002.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linwood A. Watson, Jr., Acting Secretary 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 (202) 208-0400.

On December 14, 2001, the Generator Interconnection Coalition<sup>1</sup> (Coalition),

<sup>1</sup> The Coalition includes representatives from: generators, marketers, transmission owners, industrial power producers, transmission dependent utilities, regional transmission organizations, independent system operators, distributed resources and state commissions. A list

on behalf of its members, filed its Status Report on its Consensus Process and (1) an interim draft standard connection agreement and (2) an interim draft standard interconnection procedures document on which Coalition Members have made substantial progress (Status Report), in response to the Commission's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) issued October 25, 2001, in the above-docketed proceeding. With the Status Report, the Coalition also requested an extension of time to complete the consensus process and to respond fully to the issues raised by the Commission in its ANOPR. In its motion, the Coalition states that finalizing consensus documents will require the continued significant investment of time and resources on the part of the Coalition Members and that an extension would allow Coalition Members to integrate and finalize consensus documents that are consistent with the Commission's mandate in the ANOPR. The motion also states that an extension will allow all stakeholders in the ANOPR process to have the opportunity to seek clarification and comment orally on the draft documents during the plenary meetings.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time to file a single consensus document is granted to and including January 11, 2002. Comments on issues posed by the ANOPR shall be filed on or before January 25, 2002.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### 30 CFR Part 936

[OK-029-FOR]

#### Oklahoma Regulatory Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

of the Coalition Members is included in Attachment 1 of the Coalition's Status Report.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing on proposed amendment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma regulatory program (the Oklahoma program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). The Oklahoma Department of Mines (Department or Oklahoma) proposes revisions to and additions of rules about areas designated by act of Congress as unsuitable for mining and coal exploration operations. Oklahoma intends to revise its program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.

This document gives the times and locations that the Oklahoma program and proposed amendment to that program are available for your inspection, the comment period during which you may submit written comments on the amendment, and the procedures that we will follow for the public hearing, if one is requested.

**DATES:** We will accept written comments on this amendment until 4 p.m., c.s.t., January 22, 2002. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on January 17, 2002. We will accept requests to speak at a hearing until 4 p.m., c.s.t. on January 7, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** You should mail or hand deliver written comments and requests to speak at the hearing to Michael C. Wolfrom, Director, Tulsa Field Office, at the address listed below.

You may review copies of the Oklahoma program, this amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday,