

except as required for the immediate safety of ISS crewmembers or the protection of ISS elements, equipment, or payloads. In particular, all personal medical information, whether derived from medical monitoring, investigations, or medical contingency events, shall be treated as private medical information and shall be transmitted in a private and secure fashion in accordance with procedures to be set forth by the MMOP. Medical data which must be handled in this fashion includes, for example, biomedical telemetry, private medical communications, and medical investigation data. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to limit an ISS crewmember's access to all medical resources aboard the ISS, to ground-based medical support services, or to his or her own medical data during preflight, on-orbit, and postflight activities.

VI. Protection of Human Research Subjects

No research on human subjects shall be conducted which could, with reasonable foresight, be expected to jeopardize the life, health, physical integrity, or safety of the subject.

No research procedures shall be undertaken with any ISS crewmember as a human subject without: (1) written approval by the Human Research Multilateral Review Board (HRMRB) and (2) the full written and informed consent of the human subject. Each such approval and consent shall be obtained prior to the initiation of such research, and shall fully comply with the requirements of the HRMRB. The HRMRB is responsible for procedures for initiation of new experiments on-orbit when all consent requirements have been met, but the signature of the human subject cannot be obtained; explicit consent of the human subject will nonetheless be required in all such cases. Subjects volunteering for human research protocols may at their own discretion, and without providing a rationale, withdraw their consent for participation at any time, without prejudice, and without incurring disciplinary action. In addition, approval or consent for any research may be revoked at any time, including after the commencement of the research, by: the HRMRB, the Crew Surgeon, the Flight Director, or the ISS Commander, as appropriate, if the research would endanger the ISS Crew Member or otherwise threaten the mission success. A decision to revoke consent by the human subject or approval by the other entities listed above will be final.

§ 1214.404 Violations.

This subpart is a regulation within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 799, and whoever willfully violates, attempts to violate, or conspires to violate any provision of this subpart or any order or direction issued under this subpart may be cited for violating title 18 of the U.S. Code and could be fined or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

Daniel S. Goldin,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 260

[Docket No. RM01-1-000; Order No.621]

Natural Gas Service Interruption Reporting Procedures

Issued December 14, 2000.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is amending its rules regarding reports by natural gas pipeline companies on service interruptions to reflect changes in the Commission's internal structure. This revision changes only the official to whom such reports are made.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective January 22, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wilbur Miller, Office of the General Counsel, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0953.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Natural Gas Service Interruption Reporting Procedures

Before Commissioners: James J. Hoecker, Chairman; William L. Massey, Linda Breathitt, and Curt Hebert, Jr.

I. Introduction

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is amending 18 CFR Part 260 to change the official to whom natural gas pipeline companies must submit reports on service interruptions. This change is necessitated by changes in the Commission's internal organization and will avoid confusion on the part of companies filing such reports.

II. Background

Currently, 18 CFR 260.9(b) and (c) require natural gas pipeline companies to submit reports on service interruptions to the Director, Division of Environmental and Engineering Review, Office of Pipeline Regulation. As a result of internal reorganization, however, the Office of Pipeline Regulation no longer exists. The relevant responsibilities now are handled by the Director, Division of Pipeline Certificates, Office of Energy Projects.

III. Discussion

This revision changes the title of the official to whom reports are made.

The Commission is issuing this rulemaking as a final rule, without a

period for public comment. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b), notice and comment procedures are unnecessary for rulemakings that concern only matters of agency practice and procedure. This rulemaking fits that description.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) requires agencies to prepare certain statements, descriptions and analyses of rules that will have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.¹ The Commission is not required to make such analyses if a rule would not have such an effect. The Commission certifies that this rule will not have such an impact on small entities.

V. Environmental Statement

Commission regulations require that an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement be prepared for any Commission action that may have a significant adverse effect on the human environment.² The Commission has categorically excluded certain actions from this requirement as not having a significant effect on the human environment. Among these are rules that are clarifying, corrective, or procedural, or that do not substantively change the effect of the regulations being amended.³ This rule is procedural in nature and therefore falls under this exception; consequently, no environmental consideration is necessary.

VI. Information Collection Statement

The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulations require OMB to approve certain information collection requirements imposed by agency rule.⁴ Respondents subject to the filing requirements of this Rule will not be penalized for failing to respond to these collections of information unless the collections of information display a valid OMB control number. This final rule does not contain any information collection subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.⁵

VII. Document Availability

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to

¹ 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

² Order No. 486, Regulations Implementing National Environmental Policy Act, 52 FR 47897 (Dec. 17, 1987), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles 1986-1990 30,783 (1987).

³ 18 CFR 380.4(a)(2)(ii).

⁴ 5 CFR 1320.12.

⁵ U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.fed.us>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. From FERC's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available in both the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) and the Records and Information Management System (RIMS).

- CIPS provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission since November 14, 1994.

- CIPS can be accessed using the CIPS link or the Energy Information Online icon. The full text of this document is available on CIPS in ASCII and WordPerfect 8.0 format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading.

- RIMS contains images of documents submitted to and issued by the Commission after November 16, 1981. Documents from November 1995 to the present can be viewed and printed from FERC's Home Page using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. Descriptions of documents back to November 16, 1981, are also available from RIMS-on-the-Web; requests for copies of these and other older documents should be submitted to the Public Reference Room.

User assistance is available for RIMS, CIPS, and the Website during normal business hours from our Help line at (202) 208-2222 (E-Mail to WebMaster@ferc.fed.us) or the Public Reference at (202) 208-1371 (E-Mail to public.referenceroom@ferc.fed.us). During normal business hours, documents can also be viewed and/or printed in FERC's Public Reference Room, where RIMS, CIPS, and the FERC Website are available. User assistance is also available.

VIII. Effective Date and Congressional Notification

This regulation becomes effective January 22, 2001. The Commission has concluded that this rule is not a "major rule" as defined in section 251 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 801, regarding Congressional review of rulemakings, do not apply to this rulemaking because it concerns agency procedure and practice and will not substantially affect the rights and obligations of non-agency parties. 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C).

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 260

Administrative practice and procedure, Electric power, Penalties,

Pipelines, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

By the Commission.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission amends Part 260, Chapter I, Title 18, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 260—APPROVED FORMS, NATURAL GAS ACT

1. The authority citation for Part 260 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 717-717w, 3301-3432; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352.

2. Sections 260.9(b) and (c) are revised to read as follows:

§ 260.9 Report by natural gas pipeline companies on service interruptions occurring on the pipeline system.

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(b) Natural gas pipeline companies must report such interruptions to service by any electronic means, including facsimile transmission or telegraph, to the Director, Division of Pipeline Certificates, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426 (FAX: (202) 208-2853), at the earliest feasible time following such interruption to service, and must state briefly:

- (1) The location of the interruption,
- (2) The time of the interruption,
- (3) The customers affected by the interruption, and

- (4) Emergency actions taken to maintain service.

(c) If so directed by the Commission or the Director, Division of Pipeline Certificates, the company must provide any supplemental information so as to provide a full report of the circumstances surrounding the occurrence.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Parts 404 and 416

[Regulations Nos. 4 and 16]

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Supplemental Security Income; Determining Disability for a Child Under Age 18; Correction

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Final rule and correction to final rule.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final rules published Monday, September 11, 2000 (65 FR 54747). These rules implement the childhood disability provisions of sections 211 and 212 of Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. These rules also conform to amendments to Public Law 104-193 made by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33. In addition, we are correcting two invalid references shown elsewhere in the Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: This correction is effective January 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Georgia Myers, Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, regulations@ssa.gov, (410) 965-3632 or TTY (410) 966-5609 for information about these rules. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet web site, *SSA Online*, at: <http://www.ssa.gov/>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 11, 1997, we published interim final rules with a request for comments to implement the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) childhood disability provisions of sections 211 and 212 of Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. On September 11, 2000, we published revised final rules in response to public comments. We also conformed our rules to amendments to Pub. L. 104-193 made by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-33.

Need for Correction

In our preamble, we found that we had inadvertently published an incorrect Internet address for a report on the effects of the new childhood disability legislation. We are correcting that address as shown below.

Additionally, we are correcting the regulatory language in two places. We found the need to make both an editorial change and a change needed to clarify our original intent. We are also correcting two invalid references shown elsewhere in the Code of Federal Regulations.