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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Chapter I

[Docket No. RM02-9-001; Order No. 626]

Electronic Filing of Form 1, and Elimination of Certain Designated Schedules in FERC Form Nos. 1 and 1-F

December 26, 2002.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: In this correction, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is correcting its Final Rule and identifying what designated lines and schedules in Form No. 1-F should be retained or eliminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective on January 2, 2003.

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Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III,
Chairman; William L. Massey, and
Nora Mead Brownell.

Correction of Final Rule

On May 16, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. 626, a Final Rule that provided for electronic filing of FERC Form No. 1 and the elimination of certain designated schedules in FERC Form Nos. 1 and 1-F.¹ In this correction, the Commission is correcting its Final Rule and identifying what designated lines and schedules in Form

No. 1-F (Form 1-F), principally in the Comparative Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income for the Year, should be retained or eliminated.

The following schedules or parts of schedules are eliminated from Form 1-F:

[sbull] Data on Security Holders and Voting Powers (Part X, P. 18).

(Nonmajor utilities should continue to report Data on Officers and Directors (Part XI, P. 18), however.)

[sbull] Number of Electric Department Employees (P. 323).

The Commission corrects the Final Rule by not eliminating the following from the Form 1-F: Nonutility Property (121, P. 110); Capital Stock Subscribed, Capital Stock Liability for Conversion, Premium on Capital Stock, and Installments Received on Capital Stock (252, P. 112); Discount on Capital Stock (254, P. 112); Particulars Concerning Certain Income Deduction and Interest Charges (340, P. 117); Electric Distribution Meters and Line Transformers (429, lines 63 & 65, P. 206); and Allowance for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction in Construction Overheads—Electric (217, P. 8). These line items contain accounts reflected in the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts that are needed to provide an accurate and complete reporting of a utility's accounting for transactions and events, and to provide relevant non-financial information related to its operations.

By the Commission.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Part 250

RIN 1010-AC93

Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf— Document Incorporated by Reference—API RP 14C

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service
(MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Corrections to final regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final regulations published on August 9, 2002 (67 FR 51757). The final rule related to updating one document incorporated by reference in regulations governing oil, gas, and sulphur operations in the Outer

Continental Shelf (OCS). The final rule updated the American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 14C document to the Seventh Edition, March 2001. The new edition allows lessees to use updated industry standard technologies while operating in the OCS. The corrections being made are non-substantive and are necessary for clarification purposes only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 9, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final regulations that are the subject of these corrections revised the incorporated-by-reference API document RP 14C, for Analysis, Design, Installation and Testing of Basic Surface Safety Systems for Offshore Production Platforms, to incorporate the new Seventh Edition of API RP 14C. MMS determined that:

[sbull] Incorporating into regulations the Seventh Edition that specifies a reduced testing frequency will not jeopardize the use of the best and safest technologies.

[sbull] The changes between the old and new editions represent new industry standard technology and will not impose undue cost on the offshore oil and gas industry.

[sbull] The changes to our regulations will eliminate the need for industry to request certain departures from the regulations.

Based on the determinations, the final rulemaking incorporated the new Seventh Edition of API RP 14C. The final rule also made corresponding revisions to the appropriate regulatory sections that reference API RP 14C.

The 30 CFR part 250 regulations incorporate many industry standards. Section 250.198 describes our documents incorporated by reference policy and procedures, and meets the **Federal Register** (FR) legal requirements for incorporating documents by reference. Section 250.198 also provides a complete list of all incorporated documents and the corresponding regulatory cites.

The legal department of the FR reviews all Final Rulemaking actions when they incorporate documents by reference into agencies' regulations. Upon review of the final rule that is the subject of this correction, the FR legal department advised us that whenever our regulations cite a document incorporated by reference, the regulation must refer readers to § 250.198. The FR specified that the statement "incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198" be inserted

¹ 67 FR 36093 (May 23, 2002), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,130 (May 16, 2002).