

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****18 CFR Part 284**

[Docket No. RM96-1-037]

**Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines****AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.**ACTION:** Request for additional comment.

**SUMMARY:** On February 22, 2012, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (77 FR 10415) (NOPR) proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference the latest version (Version 2.0) of business practice standards adopted by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) applicable to natural gas pipelines. The Commission, however, did not propose to adopt two standards it found inconsistent with its regulations. Among the comments filed with the Commission were comments from NAESB explaining that its Wholesale Gas Quadrant Executive Committee was in the process of voting on two standards to rectify the inconsistency noted in the NOPR by the Commission. On May 4, 2012, NAESB filed a status report informing the Commission that it had finalized the two corrections.

The Commission is providing interested parties an opportunity to file comments with respect to the two corrected standards adopted by NAESB and whether the Commission should incorporate these revised standards into its regulations.

**DATES:** Comments are due June 4, 2012.**ADDRESSES:** You may submit reply comments, identified by Docket No. RM96-1-037, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Commenters unable to file comments electronically must mail or hand deliver an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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On February 16, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR)<sup>1</sup> proposing to amend its regulations at 18 CFR 284.12 to incorporate by reference the latest version (Version 2.0) of business practice standards adopted by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) applicable to natural gas pipelines. The Commission, however, did not propose to adopt two standards it found inconsistent with its regulations.

Among the comments filed with the Commission in this proceeding were comments from NAESB explaining that NAESB's Wholesale Gas Quadrant Executive Committee was in the process of voting on minor corrections to NAESB WGQ Standard Nos. 0.3.19 and 0.3.21 to rectify the inconsistency noted in the NOPR by the Commission. On May 4, 2012, NAESB filed a status report informing the Commission that it had finalized the two corrections.

The Commission is providing interested parties an opportunity to file comments with respect to the two corrected standards adopted by NAESB and whether the Commission should incorporate the version of the standards that reflects these corrections into its regulations.

By this notice, additional comments should be filed on or before June 4, 2012.

Dated: May 8, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,***Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, notice of proposed rulemaking, 77 FR 10415 (Feb. 22, 2012), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,686 (Feb. 16, 2012).

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****United States Patent and Trademark Office****37 CFR Parts 1 and 41**

[PTO-C-2011-0007]

**RIN 0651-AC55****CPI Adjustment of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 2013****AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is proposing to adjust certain patent fee amounts for fiscal year 2013 to reflect fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The patent statute provides for the annual CPI adjustment of patent fees set by statute to recover the higher costs associated with doing business as reflected by the CPI.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 13, 2012. No public hearing will be held.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by RIN number RIN 0651-AC55, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [Gilda.Lee@uspto.gov](mailto:Gilda.Lee@uspto.gov). Include RIN number RIN 0651-AC55 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (571) 273-8698, marked to the attention of Gilda Lee.

- *Mail:* Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Gilda Lee.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this proposed rulemaking.

The comments will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, currently located in Madison West, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Comments also will be available for viewing via the Office's Internet Web site (<http://www.uspto.gov>). Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

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