

2. In the NOPR, the Commission proposed to amend its regulations to require each regional transmission organization and independent system operator to electronically deliver to the Commission, on an ongoing basis, data required from its market participants that would: (i) Identify the market participants by means of a common alpha-numeric identifier; (ii) list their "Connected Entities," which included entities that have certain ownership, employment, debt, or contractual relationships with the market participants; and (iii) describe in brief the nature of the relationship of each Connected Entity. The Commission proposed to collect such information to assist with its screening and investigative efforts to detect market manipulation. The Commission has since developed a new proposal, as reflected in the concurrently issued Data Collection NOPR, which is substantially narrower than the proposal in the instant NOPR, and streamlines and consolidates the collection of market-based rate information with new information proposed to be collected for analytics and surveillance purposes. Among other things, in the Data Collection NOPR, the Commission proposes to require market-based rate sellers and certain market participants in Commission-jurisdictional organized electric markets to submit certain, defined information about their financial and legal connections to other entities. While the Data Collection NOPR proposes to collect similar information to that which was proposed in the NOPR in this proceeding, this new proposal presents substantial revisions, thereby superseding the proposal in the instant NOPR.

3. The Commission therefore withdraws the NOPR and terminates this rulemaking proceeding.

By direction of the Commission.

Dated: July 21, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. RM16-3-000]

Ownership Information in Market-Based Rate Filings; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of proposed rulemaking and termination of rulemaking proceeding.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is withdrawing its proposal to amend its regulations to clarify the scope of ownership information that sellers seeking to obtain or retain market-based rate authority must provide. The Commission is also concurrently issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket No. RM16-17-000, which supersedes this proposal.

DATES: The notice of proposed rulemaking published on December 24, 2015, at 80 FR 80302, is withdrawn as of July 28, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On December 17, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) in this proceeding.¹ For the reasons set forth below, we are exercising our discretion to withdraw the NOPR and terminate this rulemaking proceeding.

2. In the NOPR, the Commission proposed to amend its regulations to clarify the scope of ownership information that sellers seeking to obtain or retain market-based rate authority must provide. The Commission has since developed a new proposal, as reflected in a concurrently issued NOPR (Data Collection NOPR),² to streamline and consolidate the

collection of market-based rate (MBR) information with new information proposed to be collected for analytics and surveillance purposes. Among other things, in the Data Collection NOPR, the Commission proposes to change certain aspects of the substance and format of information submitted for MBR purposes, thereby superseding the proposed clarifications in the instant NOPR.

3. The Commission therefore withdraws the NOPR and terminates this rulemaking proceeding.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 33

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RIN 2090-AA40

Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Procurements Under EPA Financial Assistance Agreements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to amend the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. These proposed amendments will improve the practical utility of the program, minimize burden, and clarify requirements that have been the subject of questions from recipients of EPA financial assistance and from disadvantaged business enterprises. These revisions are in accordance with the requirements of the Federal laws that govern the EPA DBE program.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2006-0278, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is

¹ *Ownership Information in Market-Based Rate Filings*, FERC Stats & Regs. ¶ 32,713 (2015).

² *Data Collection for Analytics and Surveillance and Market-Based Rate Purposes*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,045 (2016).