

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, CCC proposes to amend 7 CFR part 1485 as follows:

**PART 1485—AGREEMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES**

1. The authority citation for Part 1485 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 5623, 5662–5664 and sec. 1302, Pub. L. 103–66, 107 Stat. 330.

**Subpart B—Market Promotion Program**

2. In § 1485.16, paragraph (h) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 1485.16 Reimbursement rules.**

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(h) CCC will reimburse for expenditures made after the conclusion of participant's activity plan year provided:

- (1) The activity was approved prior to the end of the activity plan year;
- (2) The activity was completed within 30 calendar days following the end of the activity plan year; and
- (3) all funds transferred to pay for the activity within 4 months following the end of the activity plan year.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on December 19, 1995.

Timothy J. Galvin,

*Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**18 CFR Chapter I**

[Docket No. RM95–16–000]

**Regulations for the Relicensing of Hydroelectric Projects**

January 4, 1996.

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

**ACTION:** Petition for rulemaking; extension of time.

**SUMMARY:** On October 31, 1995, the Commission issued a notice of National Hydropower Association's (NHA) petition for rulemaking in the above-captioned docket (60 FR 56278, November 8, 1995). Certain departments and agencies of the Federal Government are presently closed for all but emergency matters due to a lack of appropriated funds. The Commission

anticipates that a number of these agencies may wish to file comments on the petition. In order to accommodate this unusual circumstance, notice is hereby given that an extension of time is granted.

**DATES:** Initial comments by all parties shall be filed on or before February 5, 1996. Reply comments shall be due on or before March 4, 1996.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry Smoler, Office of the General Counsel, (202) 208–1269.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**18 CFR Part 35**

[Docket Nos. RM95–8–000 and RM94–7–001]

**Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Nondiscriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities; Notice of Technical Conference and Potential Broadcast of Technical Conference Concerning Independent System Operators and Reform of Power Pools Under the Federal Power Act**

January 4, 1996.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Technical Conference and Potential Broadcast of Technical Conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notifies interested persons that it will hold a technical conference regarding independent system operators (ISOs) and power pools on January 24, 1996, at 9:30 A.M. The Commission has invited specific persons with technical expertise to participate in the conference. Their names, and an agenda for the conference, are attached. This notice also provides interested persons with the necessary information by which they may seek to receive the broadcast of the conference.

**DATES:** Persons interested in receiving the broadcast of the conference for a fee must notify Shirley Al-Jarani or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703–993–3100) by January 10, 1996. The conference will be held on January 24, 1996, at 9:30 A.M.

**ADDRESSES:** The conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen A. Tomcala (Legal Issues), Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208–0464  
Carolyn A. Berry (Technical Issues), Office of Economic Policy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208–2227

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

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At the Commission's technical conference on comparability for power pools held December 5 and 6, 1995, several speakers described proposals for developing independent system operators (ISOs) as one method to address full competition and comply with the Commission's open access and comparability requirements.<sup>1</sup> Power pools considering the formation of ISOs include PJM, NEPOOL and NYPP.

To follow up on the issues raised during the December technical conference, the Commission will hold a

<sup>1</sup> See Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 60 FR 17662 (April 7, 1995), IV FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,514 (1995) (Open Access Proceeding).

technical conference on issues relating to ISOs and power pools on January 24, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The speakers for the technical conference are:

Panel One

Hon. William Daniel Fessler, President, California Public Utilities Commission (invited)  
 John Rowe, President and CEO, New England Electric System  
 Paul Joskow, MITSUI Professor of Economics and Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Steven J. Kean, Vice President, Enron Power Marketing, Inc.  
 J. Leroy Thilly, General Manager & Counsel, Wisconsin Public Power, Inc.

Panel Two

E. Linn Draper, Jr., Chairman, President and CEO, American Electric Power Company  
 William W. Hogan, Thorton Bradshaw Professor of Public Policy & Management, Harvard University  
 Alan Richardson, Executive Director, American Public Power Association  
 Jeanine Hull, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, LG&E Power Inc.  
 Steven Walton, P.E., Manager, Transmission Policy & Pricing, Pacificorp

The conference will be held at the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the technical conference is threefold. First, the Commission expects the participants to help us define the essential elements and operational characteristics of an ISO.

Second, the Commission wishes to explore the development of principles that should be applied in reforming power pools, including evaluating ISO proposals by power pools, to ensure that they are not unduly discriminatory under the Federal Power Act. The Commission is particularly interested in exploring whether the creation of ISOs is necessary to ensure comparability of transmission service by power pools.

Third, the Commission is aware that public utilities that are not members of power pools also are considering the formation of ISOs. The Commission is interested in exploring the development of criteria for evaluating these types of ISO proposals as well. As is the case with power pools, the Commission is interested in whether ISOs are necessary to ensure comparability for public utilities that are not members of power pools.

Broadcast of Technical Conference

If there is sufficient interest, the Capitol Connection may broadcast the technical conference on January 24, 1996, to interested persons. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast for a fee should contact Shirley Al-Jarani or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) no later than January 10, 1996.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms**

**27 CFR Part 9**

[Notice No. 818]

RIN 1512-AA07

**Extension of the Paso Robles Viticultural Area**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the extension of the western border of the Paso Robles viticultural area in San Luis Obispo County, California. The Paso Robles viticultural area was originally approved in Treasury Decision ATF-148, 48 FR 45241, October 4, 1983 (27 CFR 9.84). The petition was initially submitted by Justin C. Baldwin and more recently re-submitted by July Ackerman, Executive Director, Paso Robles Vintners and Growers Association as spokesperson for the seven vineyards and one winery within the proposed new border.

ATF believes the establishment of American viticultural areas and their subsequent use as appellations of origin in wine labeling and advertising allows wineries to better designate the specific grape-growing area where their wines come from and allows consumers to better identify the wines they purchase.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 9, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be addressed to: Chief, Wine, Beer, and Spirits Regulations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P.O. Box 50221, Washington, DC 20226 (Notice No. 818). Copies of the petition, the proposed regulations, the appropriate maps, and any written comments received will be available for

public inspection during normal business hours at: ATF Reading Room, Office of Public Affairs and Disclosure, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Lou Blake, Wine, Beer, and Spirits Regulations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20226 (202-927-8210).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background

On August 23, 1978, ATF published Treasury Decision ATF-53 (43 FR 37672, 54624) revising regulations in 27 CFR Part 4. These regulations allow the establishment of definitive American viticultural areas. The regulations allow the name of an approved viticultural area to be used as an appellation of origin on wine labels and in wine advertisements. On October 2, 1979, ATF published Treasury Decision ATF-60 (44 FR 56692) which added a new Part 9 to 27 CFR, for the listing of approved American viticultural areas.

Section 4.25a(e)(1), Title 27 CFR, defines an American viticultural area as a delimited grape-growing region distinguishable by geographical features, the boundaries of which have been delineated in Subpart C of Part 9.

Section 4.25a(e)(2) outlines the procedure for proposing an American viticultural area. Any interested person may petition ATF to establish a grape-growing region as a viticultural area. The petition should include:

(a) Evidence that the name of the proposed viticultural area is locally and/or nationally known as referring to the area specified in the petition;

(b) Historical or current evidence that the boundaries of the viticultural area are as specified in the petition;

(c) Evidence relating to the geographical features (climate, soil, elevation, physical features, etc.) which distinguish the viticultural features of the proposed area from surrounding areas;

(d) A description of the specific boundaries of the viticultural area, based on the features which can be found on United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) maps of the largest applicable scale; and

(e) A copy of the appropriate U.S.G.S. map with the boundaries prominently marked.

Petition

The original petition to extend the western border of the Paso Robles viticultural area was filed in July 1993,