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section 15 of the Federal Power Act is best adapted to serve the public interest, the Commission will consider the factors enumerated in sections 15(a)(2)and (a)(3) of the Federal Power Act.

(2) If there are only insignificant differences between the final applications of an existing licensee and a competing Applicant after consideration of the factors enumerated in section 15(a)(2)of the Federal Power Act, the Commission will determine which Applicant will receive the license after considering:

(i) The existing licensee's record of compliance with the terms and conditions of the existing license; and

(ii) The actions taken by the existing licensee related to the project which affect the public.

(iii) An existing licensee that files an application for a new license in conjunction with an entity or entities that are not currently licensees of all or part of the project will not be considered an existing licensee for the purpose of the insignificant differences provision of section 15(a)(2) of the Federal Power Act.

(j) Fees under section 30(e) of the Federal Power Act. The requirements of 18 CFR part 4, subpart M, of this chapter, fees under section 30(e) of the Federal Power Act, apply to license applications developed under this part.

[Order 2002, 68 FR 51121, Aug. 25, 2003, as amended by Order 769, 77 FR 65475, Oct. 29, 2012]

## §5.30 Critical energy infrastructure information.

If any action required by this part requires a potential Applicant or Applicant to reveal Critical Energy Infrastructure Information, as defined by \$388.113(c) of this chapter, to the public, the Applicant must follow the procedures set out in \$4.32(k) of this chapter.

### §5.31 Transition provision.

This part shall apply to license applications for which the deadline for filing a notification of intent to seek a new or subsequent license, or for filing a notification of intent to file an original license application, as required by §5.5 of this part, is July 23, 2005 or later.

## PART 6—SURRENDER OR TERMINATION OF LICENSE

Sec.

6.1 Application for surrender.

6.2 Surrender of license.

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6.4 Termination by implied surrender.

6.5 Annual charges.

AUTHORITY: Secs. 6, 10(i), 13, 41 Stat. 1067, 1068, 1071, as amended, sec. 309, 49 Stat. 858; 16 U.S.C. 799, 803(i), 806, 825h; Pub. L. 96-511, 94 Stat. 2812 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), unless otherwise noted.

#### §6.1 Application for surrender.

Every application for surrender of a license shall state the reason therefor; and, except in the case of an application for surrender of a license for a minor project, or for a transmission line only, shall be executed by the licensee and filed in the same form and manner as the application for license, and shall be accompanied by the license and all amendments thereof. Public notice of such application shall be given at least 30 days prior to action upon the application.

(Secs. 308 and 309; 49 Stat. 858, 859 (16 U.S.C. 825g, 825h))

[Order No. 570, 42 FR 40191, Aug. 9, 1977]

CROSS REFERENCES: For application for license, general provisions, see \$4.30 to 4.33, inclusive, of this chapter. For application for license for proposed major project or minor part thereof, see \$4.40 to 4.41, inclusive, of this chapter. For application for license for constructed major project or minor part thereof, see \$4.50 and 4.51 of this chapter.

#### §6.2 Surrender of license.

Licenses may be surrendered only upon the fulfillment by the licensee of such obligations under the license as the Commission may prescribe, and, if the project works authorized under the license have been constructed in whole or in part, upon such conditions with respect to the disposition of such works as may be determined by the Commission. Where project works have been constructed on lands of the United States the licensee will be required to restore the lands to a condition satisfactory to the Department having supervision over such lands and annual charges will continue until such

restoration has been satisfactorily completed.

[Order 175, 19 FR 5217, Aug. 18, 1954]

#### §6.3 Termination of license.

Licenses may be terminated by written order of the Commission not less than 90 days after notice thereof shall have been mailed to the licensee by certified mail to the last address whereof the Commission has been notified by the licensee, if there is failure to commence actual construction of the project works within the time prescribed in the license, or as extended by the Commission. Upon like notice, the authority granted under a license with respect to any separable part of the project works may be terminated if there is failure to begin construction of such separable part within the time prescribed or as extended by the Commission.

(Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 551– 557 (1976); Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 291–628 (1976 & Supp. V 1981), Dept. of Energy Organization Act 42 U.S.C. 7101–7352 (Supp. V 1981); E.O. 12009, 3 CFR 142 (1978))

[Order 141, 12 FR 8491, Dec. 19, 1947, as amended by Order 344, 48 FR 49010, Oct. 24, 1983]

#### §6.4 Termination by implied surrender.

If any licensee holding a license subject to the provisions of section 10(i) of the Act shall cause or suffer essential project property to be removed or destroyed, or become unfit for use, without replacement, or shall abandon, or shall discontinue good faith operation of the project for a period of three years, the Commission will deem it to be the intent of the licensee to surrender the license; and not less than 90 days after public notice may in its discretion terminate the license.

[Order 141, 12 FR 8491, Dec. 19, 1947]

#### §6.5 Annual charges.

Annual charges arising under a license surrendered or terminated shall continue until the effective date set forth in the Commission's order with respect to such surrender or termination.

[Order 175, 19 FR 5217, Aug. 18, 1954]

CROSS REFERENCE: For annual charges, see part 11 of this chapter.

## PART 8—RECREATIONAL OPPORTU-NITIES AND DEVELOPMENT AT LI-CENSED PROJECTS

Sec.

- 8.1 Publication of license conditions relating to recreation.
- 8.2 Posting of project lands as to recreational use and availability of information.
- 8.3 Discrimination prohibited.
- 8.11 Information respecting use and development of public recreational opportunities.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 551–557; 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r; 42 U.S.C. 7101–7352.

# **§8.1** Publication of license conditions relating to recreation.

Following the issuance or amendment of a license, the licensee shall make reasonable efforts to keep the public informed of the availability of project lands and waters for recreational purposes, and of the license conditions of interest to persons who may be interested in the recreational aspects of the project or who may wish to acquire lands in its vicinity. Such efforts shall include but not be limited to: the publication of notice in a local newspaper once each week for 4 weeks of the project's license conditions which relate to public access to and the use of the project waters and lands for recreational purposes, recreational plans, installation of recreation and fish and wildlife facilities, reservoir water surface elevations, minimum water releases or rates of change of water releases and such other conditions of general public interest as the Commission may designate in the order issuing or amending the license.

[Order 299, 30 FR 7313, June 3, 1965]

#### §8.2 Posting of project lands as to recreational use and availability of information.

(a) Following the issuance or amendment of a license, the licensee shall post and shall maintain at all points of public access which are required by the license (or at such access points as are specifically designated for this purpose by the licensee) and at such other