

FERC TO IMPLEMENT NEW PARAGRAPH NUMBERING FORMAT

As of June 26, 2002, a new paragraph number format will be included in all Commission orders. Through this initiative, which began in December 2001, the Commission seeks to provide a more efficient and accurate way to cite Commission orders. In addition, the new citation will bring greater comparability among various electronic and paper reference sources, including Lexis-Nexis, CCH, the Federal Register and the Commission's new FERRIS system.

The official source for the publication of the Commission's orders continues to be the Federal Guidelines published by the Commerce Clearing House (FERC Reports), which is cited as Vol FERC ¶ XXXX (YEAR). Thus, reference to the new Commission orders containing paragraph numbers should include the FERC Reports paragraph number as well as the paragraph number in the text of the order.

The following is an example of the standard format to be used in citing Commission orders with paragraph numbers: East Tennessee Natural Gas Company, 98 FERC ¶ 61, 060, at P 16 (2002), where P represents the paragraph number in the text of the order.

For orders issued before June 26, 2002, without paragraph numbers, citation should still be made to the page number in the FERC Reports as follows: Northwest Pipeline Corporation, 88 FERC ¶ 61,057, at p. 61,145 (1999).

To ensure that persons referencing Commission orders can locate citations in pleadings regardless of the electronic or paper reference source, the Commission expects all practitioners to cite paragraph numbers in pleading when referring to Commission orders issued after June 26, 2002.