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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 157

[Docket No. RM81-19-000]

Project Cost and Annual Limits

Issued February 11, 1999.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority delegated by 18 CFR 375.307(e)(1), the Director of the Office of Pipeline Regulation computes and publishes the project cost and annual limits specified in Table I of § 157.208(d) and Table II of § 157.215(a) for each calendar year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Michael J. McGehee, Division of Pipeline Certificates, OPR, (202) 208-2257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

United States of America

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Publication of Project Cost Limits Under Blanket Certificates

Docket No. RM81-19-000

Order of the Director, OPR

Issued February 11, 1999.

Section 157.208(d) of the Commission's Regulations provides for project cost limits applicable to construction, acquisition, operation and miscellaneous rearrangement of facilities (Table I) authorized under the blanket certificate procedure (Order No. 234, 19 FERC ¶ 61,216). Section 157.215(a) specifies the calendar year dollar limit which may be expended on underground storage testing and development (Table II) authorized under the blanket certificate. Section 157.208(d) requires that the "limits specified in Tables I and II shall be adjusted each calendar year to reflect the 'GNP implicit price deflator' published by the Department of Commerce for the previous calendar year."

Pursuant to § 375.307(e)(1) of the Commission's Regulations, the authority for the publication of such cost limits, as adjusted for inflation, is delegated to the Director of the Office of Pipeline Regulation. The cost limits for calendar

year 1998, as published in Table I of § 157.208(d) and Table II of § 157.215(a), are hereby issued.

Note that these inflation adjustments are based on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Implicit Price Deflator, rather than the Gross National Product (GNP) Implicit Price Deflator which is not yet available for 1998. The Commerce Department advises that in recent years the annual change has been virtually the same for both indices. Further adjustments will be made, if necessary.

List of subjects in 18 CFR Part 157

Natural Gas.

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Director, Division of Pipeline Certificates, Office of Pipeline Regulation.

Accordingly, 18 CFR Part 157 is amended as follows:

PART 157—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 157 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 717-717w, 3301-3432; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352.

§ 157.208 [Amended]

2. Table I in § 157.208(d) is revised to read as follows:

TABLE I

Year	Limit	
	Auto. proj. cost limit (col. 1)	Prior notice proj. cost limit (col. 2)
1982	\$4,200,000	\$12,000,000
1983	4,500,000	12,800,000
1984	4,700,000	13,300,000
1985	4,900,000	13,800,000
1986	5,100,000	14,300,000
1987	5,200,000	14,700,000
1988	5,400,000	15,100,000
1989	5,600,000	15,600,000
1990	5,800,000	16,000,000
1991	6,000,000	16,700,000
1992	6,200,000	17,300,000
1993	6,400,000	17,700,000
1994	6,600,000	18,100,000
1995	6,700,000	18,400,000
1996	6,900,000	18,800,000
1997	7,000,000	19,200,000
1998	7,100,000	19,600,000
1999	7,200,000	19,800,000

§ 157.215 [Amended]

3. Table II in § 157.215(a) is revised to read as follows:

TABLE II

Year	Limit
1982	\$2,700,000
1983	2,900,000
1984	3,000,000

TABLE II—Continued

Year	Limit
1985	3,100,000
1986	3,200,000
1987	3,300,000
1988	3,400,000
1989	3,500,000
1990	3,600,000
1991	3,800,000
1992	3,900,000
1993	4,000,000
1994	4,100,000
1995	4,200,000
1996	4,300,000
1997	4,400,000
1998	4,500,000
1999	4,550,000

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

22 CFR Parts 706, 713

RIN 3420-AA02

Production of Nonpublic Records and Testimony of OPIC Employees in Legal Proceedings

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule establishes rules regarding subpoenas seeking nonpublic records or the testimony of current or former OPIC employees in legal proceedings. The final rule facilitates access to records in OPIC's custody by centralizing agency decision-making with respect to demands for records or testimony in such legal proceedings. The final rule provides procedures, requirements and information on how OPIC will handle these matters, and expressly prohibits any disclosure or testimony except as provided by the rule. The effect of this final rule will be, among other benefits, to ensure an efficient use of OPIC resources, promote uniformity in decisions, protect confidential information, maintain agency control over the release of official information, protect the interests of the United States, and provide guidance to parties. The final rule also amends the current rule regarding release of OPIC records which are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to conform with the procedures provided in this final rule.

DATES: Effective March 22, 1999.

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