timber purchased through stewardship contracts. Specifically, SBA invites comments and supporting data in response to the following questions.

**Stewardship Contracting Questions**

1. How should the FS include the saw timber volume on stewardship contracts awarded to small business in the computation of small business market share?
2. How might including stewardship saw timber volume impact future market share calculations for small business concerns that participate in stewardship contracts and/or conventional timber sales?
3. What are the potential impacts (costs and benefits) if SBA regulations at 13 CFR 121.506 were to include the saw timber volume from IRTGs and IRSCs in the calculation of small business market share?
4. What is the anticipated impact of the inclusion of saw timber volume from stewardship contracts on stumpage prices?
5. How might including stewardship saw timber volume in the calculation result in lower stumpage prices, what is the impact to land management activities (paid for by stumpage prices) and retained receipts?
6. What is the anticipated impact on small business in the calculation result in lower representation of small businesses successfully bidding for timber sales in that market area? Should this lead to lowering the market share for small business set-aside sales in those market areas that do not have mills that would qualify as “small” under the SBA criteria?
7. What is the financial impact to the Forest Service if the 30% rule is included in the appraisal point haul cost calculation of a small business timber set-aside sale?
8. What is the financial impact to the FS and SBA compute small business participation?
9. What is the anticipated impact on trust funds (e.g., Knutson-Vandenberge), if any, if appraisals are made to a small mill rather than the closest processor.
10. SBA is also requesting data on mill size and location.

The SBA welcomes comments and any available data to help substantiate recommendations made in response to the foregoing general questions, or other potential policy options—including status quo—that should be considered for the Small Business Timber Sales Set-Aside Program.

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SUMMARY: The Commission proposes to amend Rule 508 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure to eliminate the requirement that participants in Commission trial-type evidentiary hearings must provide paper copies of all exhibits introduced as evidence. The Proposed Rule will facilitate a shift toward electronic hearing procedures which should improve the efficiency and administrative convenience of the Commission hearing process, reduce the burden and expense associated with paper exhibits, and facilitate the compilation and transmittal of the hearing record to the Commission in electronic format.

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[Docket No. RM15–5–000]
Revised Exhibit Submission Requirements for Commission Hearings

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

I. Background

The Commission is proposing to amend Rule 508 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure 1 to eliminate the requirement that participants in Commission trial-type evidentiary hearings must provide paper copies of all exhibits introduced as evidence. The Commission proposes to amend section 385.508 of the Commission’s regulations by removing paragraph (a)(2) and redesignating paragraph (a)(3) as paragraph (a)(2). While still retaining the option to provide exhibits in paper form, the proposed rule will facilitate a shift toward electronic hearing procedures which should improve the efficiency and administrative convenience of the Commission hearing process, reduce the burden and expense associated with paper exhibits, and facilitate the compilation and transmittal of the hearing record to the Commission in electronic format.

II. Discussion

4. Section 385.508 of the Commission’s regulations currently requires that “[a]ny participant who seeks to have an exhibit admitted into evidence must provide one copy of the

1 18 CFR 385.508.

2 44 U.S.C. 3504.


4 44 U.S.C. 3504.

5 18 CFR 385.2001(a).
