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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 260

[Docket No. 96-5 CARP DSTR]

Determination of Reasonable Rates and Terms for the Digital Performance of Sound Recordings

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office is extending the period to file comments to proposed regulations that will govern the RIAA collective when it functions as the designated agent receiving royalty payments and statements of accounts from nonexempt, subscription digital transmission services which make digital transmissions of sound recordings under the provisions of section 114 of the Copyright Act.

DATES: Comments and Notices of Intent to Participate in a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel Proceeding are due no later than September 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: An original and five copies of any comment and Notice of Intent to Participate shall be delivered to: Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, James Madison Building, Room LM-403, First and Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC; or mailed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024-0977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David O. Carson, General Counsel, or Tanya M. Sandros, Senior Attorney, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 252-3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 23, 2001, the Copyright Office published a notice of proposed rulemaking seeking comments on proposed regulations that will govern the RIAA collective when it functions as the designated agent receiving royalty payments and statements of accounts from nonexempt, subscription digital transmission

services which make digital transmissions of sound recordings under the provisions of section 114 of the Copyright Act. 66 FR 38226 (July 23, 2001). Comments on the proposed terms and Notices of Intent to Participate in a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel Proceeding, the purpose of which would be to adopt terms governing the RIAA collective in its handling of royalty fees collected from the subscription services, were due on August 22, 2001.

On August 22, 2001, The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada ("AFM") and The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists ("AFTRA") filed a request for an extension of the filing date for comments until September 19, 2001. The Office granted this request and extended the deadline for filing comments to September 19, 2001, 66 FR 46250 (September 4, 2001).

On September 14, 2001, AFM and AFTRA requested a further extension of the filing date for comments in light of the events of September 11, 2001, and stated that the RIAA joined in the request. The Office is granting this request and is extending the filing date for comments until September 28, 2001. There will be no further extensions of the filing date for comments in this proceeding.

Dated: September 18, 2001.

David O. Carson,
General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CO-001-0060b; MT-001-0032b; FRL-7055-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans for Colorado and Montana: Transportation Conformity

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to take direct final action to approve revisions to the Colorado and Montana State Implementation Plans (SIPs) that incorporate consultation procedures for transportation conformity. The conformity rules assure that in air quality nonattainment or maintenance areas, projected emissions from transportation plans and projects stay within the motor vehicle emissions

ceiling in the SIP. The transportation conformity SIP revisions enable the States to implement and enforce transportation conformity consultation procedures at the State level per regulations for Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Developed, Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Laws. Our approval action would streamline the conformity process and allow direct consultation among agencies at the local levels. EPA is taking this action under section 110(k) and 176 of the Clean Air Act (Act).

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as non controversial revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to: Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following offices: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Air and Radiation Program, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466; and, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Copies of the State documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection at: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Dr. S., Denver, Colorado 80246-1530. Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Planning, Prevention and Assistance

Division, 1520 East 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kerri Fiedler, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466. Telephone number: (303) 312-6493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: September 5, 2001.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 215

[DFARS Case 2000-D018]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Changes to Profit Policy

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to make changes to DoD profit policy that would reduce the emphasis on facilities investment, add general and administrative expense to the cost base used in determining profit objectives, increase emphasis on performance risk, and encourage contractor cost efficiency.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted to the address shown below on or before November 20, 2001, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 2000-D018 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Sandra Haberlin, OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC

20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2000-D018.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sandra Haberlin, (703) 602-0289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This rule proposes amendments to the profit policy in DFARS Subpart 215.4. DoD published a proposed rule at 65 FR 45574 on July 24, 2000. That rule proposed to—

- Add general and administrative expense to the cost base used to establish profit objectives;
- Reduce the values assigned to facilities capital employed by 50 percent, with the objective, over time, to eliminate completely facilities investment as a factor in establishing profit objectives on sole-source, negotiated contracts;
- Offset these changes by increasing the values for performance risk by 1 percentage point and decreasing the values for contract type risk by 0.5 percentage point; and
- Add a special factor for cost efficiency to encourage cost reduction efforts.

Twelve sources submitted comments in response to the proposed rule. Due to the complexity of the issues raised in the comments received, DoD published a notice of public meeting at 65 FR 69895 on November 21, 2000. The public meeting was held on December 12, 2000. After considering written comments received in response to the proposed rule, and verbal comments provided during the public meeting, DoD is publishing a revised proposed rule. The major differences between the initial proposed rule and the revised proposed rule are—

- Facilities capital employed. Over a 4-year period, the initial rule eliminated facilities capital employed as a factor in developing profit objectives. The revised rule retains 50 percent of the current values for equipment as an incentive for modernization of equipment.
- Contract type and performance risks. The intention of the proposed profit policy changes is to revise the incentive structure of the policy and not to increase or decrease average profit objectives. Changes to contract type and performance risks in the initial proposed rule were made to offset the addition of general and administrative expense to the cost base and the

elimination of facilities capital employed. Since the revised proposed rule restores a portion of facilities capital employed, offsets to performance risk contained in the initial rule have been reduced. Likewise, the revised rule restores the current values for contract type risk, that had been reduced by 0.5 percent in the initial rule.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because most contracts awarded to small entities are below \$500,000, are based on adequate price competition, or are for commercial items, and do not require submission of cost or pricing data. Therefore, an initial regulatory flexibility analysis has not been performed. Comments are invited from small businesses and other interested parties. Comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart also will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2000-D018.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 215

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 215 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 215 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 215—CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION

215.404-4 [Amended]

2. Section 215.404-4 is amended by removing paragraph (c)(2)(C)(1)(i) and redesignating paragraphs (c)(2)(C)(1)(ii) through (iv) as paragraphs (c)(2)(C)(1)(i) through (iii), respectively.

3. Sections 215.404-71-1 and 215.404-71-2 are revised to read as follows: