potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040, February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

## Federalism

This action has been analyzed in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and it has been determined that the proposed rulemaking does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

## **Environmental Assessment**

This final rule has been thoroughly reviewed by the Coast Guard and determined to be categorically excluded from further environmental documentation in accordance with section 2.B.2.c. of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

## Regulation

In consideration of the foregoing, part 165 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

#### PART 165—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. A new §165.T13–002 is added to read as follows:

# §165.T13–002 Safety Zone: Puget Sound, Washington.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters within 300 yards of the tugs STACEY FOSS and RICHARD FOSS, the towline, and the barge NESTUCCA while in transit from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington, through U.S. navigable waters until south of Latitude 47°32' N., Queets, Washington, at 1 p.m. (PDT) on March 23, 1995.

(b) *Definitions*. A designated representative of the Captain of the Port is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound, to act on his behalf. The following officers have or will be designated by the Captain of the Port: the Coast Guard Patrol Commander and the senior boarding officer on each vessel enforcing the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations*. In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his designated representatives.

(d) *Effective dates.* This regulation becomes effective on March 22, 1995 at 5 a.m. (PDT). It terminates when the tugs STACEY FOSS and RICHARD FOSS and the barge NESTUCCA are south of Latitude 47°32′ N., Queets, Washington, at 1 p.m. (PDT) on March 23, 1995, unless sooner terminated by the Captain of the Port.

Dated: February 10, 1995.

#### R.K. Softye,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Puget Sound.

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## POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

## 39 CFR Part 3001

[Docket No. RM91-1; Order No. 1043]

#### Rules of Practice and Procedure

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission. ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is publishing final rules amending its rules of practice adopted in Order No. 1043, issued February 17, 1995. The rules are based on revisions submitted as a proposed settlement of issues in Docket RM91–1, a rulemaking addressing general improvements in the Commission's rules of practice. The proposed revisions were published in the Federal Register (59 FR 8576) and comments have been received and considered. The differences between the rules as proposed and as adopted reflect conforming changes, editorial improvements, or clarification of intent. EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 1995. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, Legal Advisor (202) 789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Two settlement agreements involving proposed improvements to the Commission's rules of practice were presented to the Commission in this docket. In response to the settlement coordinator's motion transmitting these

agreements, the Commission incorporated the text of both agreements in a notice of proposed rulemaking, and requested comments. See 59 FR 8576, February 23, 1994. One involved a number of traditional, or standard, aspects of these rules, such as service and production specifications. This final rule adopts, with minor adjustments, revisions to the rules of practice contained in that proposal. The other proposed that participants be required to file certain documents in electronic form. Opposition to this settlement existed, and a new docket will shortly be established to further explore potential solutions to problems in this area.

The Commission received five comments. Four commenters expressed general support for the proposed revisions, but singled out one or more specific changes for additional discussion. One commenter expressed no opinion on the rules as whole, but sought clarification of one proposed change.

The Commission's evaluation of the settlement agreements and participants' comments leads to the publication of final rules that differ in several respects from the proposed rules. The main differences entail: the deletion of a proposed requirement related to filing documents in electronic form; the express exclusion of answers to interrogatories (and compelled answers) from the "special request" service practice otherwise applicable to discovery-related documents; removal of language restricting transcript corrections of Commission hearings to oral material; and clarification of minimum typeface size. Other differences reflect conforming changes and editorial improvements. A review of the rules and related comments follows.

## **Production Requirements (Rule 10(a)):** Terminology and Formatting Instructions

Existing rule 10(a) sets forth specifications for production and preparation of documents filed with the Commission. The revision updates these requirements to reflect modern office technology and practice. For example, the final rule replaces the term "typewritten," which currently appears as the title of the subsection and in the first sentence, with the term "production" or "produced," as appropriate. In addition, the final rule increases the amount of space available for text by easing longstanding margin and line-spacing restrictions. It also replaces the existing requirement that text be double spaced with language allowing spacing of not less than one