California Association of Family Farmers, California Action Network, League of Rural Voters Inc., and County of Trinity, California; the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared new acreage limitation and water conservation rules and regulations for implementing the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, as amended, throughout the 17 Western United States. The proposed rules were published in the **Federal Register** on April 3, 1995 (60 FR 16922, Apr. 3, 1995), and are open to a 60-day review and comment period which will close on June 2, 1995.

Public hearings will be held to receive comments from interested organizations and individuals on the proposed rules. During the week prior to the scheduled hearings there will be several public forums at various locations throughout the Western States to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and clarification concerning the proposed changes to the rules and regulations. Information regarding these forums will be provided to affected parties by mail.

DATES: Public hearings on the proposed rules are scheduled as follows:

- 1. May 8, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. Yakima, Washington; Billings, Montana
- 2. May 9, 1995, at 7:00 p.m., Boise, Idaho; Lakewood, Colorado
- 3. May 10, 1995, at 7:00 p.m., Sacramento, California; Phoenix, Arizona
- 4. May 11, 1995, at 7:00 p.m., Salt Lake City, Utah; Fresno, California

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held at the following locations:

- Yakima—Red Lion Inn (Yakima Valley), 1507 North First Street, Yakima, Washington
- Billings—Sheraton Hotel, 27 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana
- 2. Boise—Red Lion Inn Riverside, 2900 Chinden Blvd., Boise, Idaho
- Lakewood—Sheraton Denver West Hotel, 360 Union Blvd, Lakewood, Colorado
- 3. Sacramento—Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California
- Phoenix—Hilton Point at South Mountain, 7777 South Point Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona
- 4. Salt Lake City—Hilton Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, utah Fresno—Holiday Inn (Airport), 5090 East Clinton, Fresno, California

Written comments for inclusion in the official record should be received at the Bureau of Reclamation by June 2, 1995. Comments should be addressed to: Mr Ronald J. Schuster (D–5010), Westwide Settlement Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office, PO Box 25007, Denver CO 80225.

A dedicated toll-free telephone line has been established at 1–800–861–5443 through June 2, 1995 to accommodate oral comments from those not attending a public hearing. Comments will be recorded on tape and transcribed by a court reporter, and will be part of the official record. Statements are limited to 10 minutes and must include the commentor's name in order to be included in the official record. Address and affiliation are optional.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald J. Schuster, (303) 236–9336, ext. 237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An identical notice is published in this **Federal Register** regarding public hearings on the environmental impacts of the proposed rules and regulations for implementing the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

Ground rules for the hearings are presented below:

- —While each hearing is in session, all comments will be recorded by a court reporter.
- —Speakers should identify themselves and any organization that they represent.
- —Statements will be limited to 10 minutes, and speakers will not be allowed to trade time to obtain longer presentations. The hearing officer may allow any speaker additional time after all scheduled speakers have been heard. The hearing officer may also shorten the 10 minute limit if the number of speakers is too large to fit within a reasonable time frame.
- No one will be recognized to speak other than those parties who are presenting statements.
- —To ensure a complete and accurate record, it will be necessary that only one person speak at a time.
- Persons presenting views will not be sworn in or otherwise placed under oath.
- There will be no examination or interrogation of speakers.
- —There will be no response by the hearing officer or other Bureau of Reclamation staff on speaker comments.
- —Due to the shortness of available time, speakers are encouraged to summarize their comments as much as possible and give the court reporter a copy of their full statement which will be added to the official record.
- —Speakers will be scheduled according to the order in which they sign up. Any speaker not present when called will lose his or her turn in the scheduled order, but will be given an opportunity to speak at the end of the scheduled presentations.

—After the scheduled speakers have been heard, each individual who wishes to speak will be afforded that opportunity.

 People are asked to refrain from clapping or other actions that might interfere with the speakers or hearing.

Dated: April 18, 1995. **Wayne O. Deason,**

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

46 CFR Part 383

[Docket No. R-156]

RIN 2133-AB16

Determination of Fair and Reasonable Guideline Rates for the Carriage of Less-Than-Shipload Lots of Bulk and Packaged Preference Cargoes on U.S.-Flag Commercial Liner Vessels

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The regulations at 46 CFR part 383 ("Rule") specify the procedures for the calculation of fair and reasonable guideline rates for certain preference cargoes carried in U.S.-flag vessels employed in a liner service. Currently, the rule applies only to less-thanshipload lots of dry bulk preference cargoes on U.S.-flag vessels. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Agency for International Development (AID), the major U.S. government shipper agencies, have requested that the Maritime Administration (MARAD) provide them with guideline rates for bagged and packaged agricultural commodities and to clarify MARAD's policy for prioritization of U.S.-flag shipping services for compliance with the cargo preference requirements of the Cargo Preference Act of 1954. MARAD provides guideline rates for such commodities on bulk vessels, under a similar regulation for bulk vessels at 46 CFR part 382, but does not now provide guideline rates for bagged or packaged cargoes in less-than-shipload lots on vessels in a liner service. This amendment will extend the scope of the rule to cover bagged or packaged agricultural commodities in parcels of 5,000 tons and greater on vessels in a liner service. Prioritization is outside the scope of these regulations; MARAD will address this issue separately at a later date.