§ 902.1 Scope.

This part is issued by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (the "Joint Board") pursuant to the requirements of section 552 of title 5 of the United States Code, including the requirements that every Federal agency shall publish in the Federal Register, for the guidance of the public, descriptions of the established places at which, the officers from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may obtain information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions.

§ 902.2 Definitions.

(a) Records of the Joint Board. For purposes of this part, the term "records of the Joint Board" means rules, statements, opinions, orders, memoranda, letters, reports, accounts, and other papers containing information in the possession of the Joint Board that constitute part of the Joint Board's official files.

(b) Unusual Circumstances. For purposes of this part, "unusual circumstances" means, but only to the extent reasonably necessary for the proper processing of the particular request:

(1) The need to search for and collect the requested records from other establishments that are separate from the Joint Board's office processing the request;

(2) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or

(3) The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request.

§ 902.3 Published information.

(a) Federal Register. Pursuant to sections 552 and 553 of title 5 of the United States Code, and subject to the provisions of §902.5, the Joint Board publishes in the Federal Register for the guidance of the public, in addition to this part, descriptions of its organization and procedures, substantive rules of general applicability, and, as may from time to time be appropriate, statements of general policy, and interpretations of general applicability.

(b) Other published information. From time to time, the Joint Board issues statements to the press relating to its operations.

(c) Obtaining printed information. If not available through the Government Printing Office, printed information released by the Joint Board may be obtained without cost from the Executive Director of the Joint Board ("Executive Director").

§ 902.4 Access to records.

(a) General rule. All records of the Joint Board, including information set forth in section 552(a)(2) of title 5 of the United States Code, are made available to any person, upon request, for inspection and copying in accordance with the provisions of this section and subject to the limitations stated in section 552(b) of title 5 of the United States Code. Records falling within such limitations may nevertheless be made available in accordance with this section to the extent consistent, in the judgment of the Chairman of the Joint Board ("Chairman"), with the effective performance of the Joint Board's statutory responsibilities and with the avoidance of injury to a public or private interest intended to be protected by such limitations.

(b) Obtaining access to records. Records of the Joint Board subject to this section are available by appointment for public inspection or copying during regular business hours on regular business days at the office of the Executive Director. Every request for access to such records, other than published records described in §902.3, shall be signed and submitted in writing to the Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, shall state the name and address of the person requesting such access, and shall describe such records in a manner reasonably sufficient to permit their identification without undue difficulty.

(c) Fees. A fee at the rate of $5.00 per hour or fraction thereof or the time required to locate such records, plus ten