

## Federal Maritime Commission

## § 502.223

(5) days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) before applying to the court of its intent to seek enforcement of such subpoenas and discovery orders.

(c) *Persons and documents located in a foreign country.* Orders of the presiding officer directed to persons or documents located in a foreign country shall become final orders of the Commission unless an appeal to the Commission is filed within ten (10) days after date of issuance of such orders or unless the Commission on its own motion reverses, modifies, or stays such rulings within twenty (20) days of their issuance. Replies to appeals may be filed within ten (10) days. No motion for leave to appeal is necessary in such instances and no orders of the presiding officer shall be effective until twenty (20) days from date of issuance unless the Commission otherwise directs. [Rule 210.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47394, Dec. 4, 1984]

### Subpart M—Briefs; Requests for Findings; Decisions; Exceptions

#### § 502.221 Briefs; requests for findings.

(a) The presiding officer shall fix the time and manner of filing briefs and any enlargement of time. The period of time allowed shall be the same for all parties unless the presiding officer, for good cause shown, directs otherwise.

(b) Briefs shall be served upon all parties pursuant to subpart H of this part.

(c) In investigations instituted on the Commission's own motion, the presiding officer may require the Bureau of Enforcement to file a request for findings of fact and conclusions within a reasonable time prior to the filing of briefs. Service of the request shall be in accordance with the provisions of subpart H of this part.

(d) Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, opening or initial briefs shall contain the following matters in separately captioned sections: (1) Introductory section describing the nature and background of the case, (2) proposed findings of fact in serially numbered paragraphs with reference to exhibit numbers and pages of the tran-

script, (3) argument based upon principles of law with appropriate citations of the authorities relied upon, and (4) conclusions.

(e) All briefs shall contain a subject index or table of contents with page references and a list of authorities cited.

(f) All briefs filed pursuant to this section shall ordinarily be limited to eighty (80) pages in length, exclusive of pages containing the table of contents, table of authorities, and certificate of service, unless the presiding officer allows the parties to exceed this limit for good cause shown and upon application filed not later than five (5) days before the time fixed for filing of such a brief or reply. [Rule 221.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 61 FR 51233, Oct. 1, 1996; 64 FR 7810, Feb. 17, 1999]

#### § 502.222 Requests for enlargement of time for filing briefs.

Requests for enlargement of time within which to file briefs shall conform to the requirements of § 502.102. Except for good cause shown, such requests shall be filed and served pursuant to subpart H of this part not later than five (5) days before the expiration of the time fixed for the filing of the briefs. [Rule 222.]

#### § 502.223 Decisions—Administrative law judges.

To the administrative law judges is delegated the authority to make and serve initial or recommended decisions. All initial and recommended decisions will include a statement of findings and conclusions, as well as the reasons or basis therefor, upon all the material issues presented on the record, and the appropriate rule, order, sanction, relief, or denial thereof. Where appropriate, the statement of findings and conclusions should be numbered. Initial decisions should address only those issues necessary to a resolution of the material issues presented on the record. A copy of each decision when issued shall be served on the parties to the proceeding. In proceedings involving overcharge claims, the presiding officer may, where appropriate, require that the carrier publish notice in its tariff of the substance of the decision.