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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 1003.1 Purpose and scope.

This part establishes the procedures to be utilized and identifies the sanctions that are available in most proceedings before the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. These procedures provide standard rules of practice in a variety of informal adjudications when jurisdiction is vested in the Office of Hearings and Appeals. Any or all of the procedures contained in this part may be incor-

porated by reference in another DOE rule or regulation which invokes the adjudicatory authority of the Office of Hearings and Appeals. The procedures may also be made applicable at the direction of an appropriate DOE official if incorporated by reference in the delegation. These rules do not apply in instances in which DOE regulations themselves contain procedures governing OHA proceedings conducted under authority of those particular regulations. (E.g., 10 CFR part 708—DOE Contractor Employee Protection Program; 10 CFR part 710—Criteria and Procedures for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Matter or Special Nuclear Material.) These rules also do not apply to matters before the DOE Board of Contract Appeals or other procurement and financial assistance appeals boards, which are covered by their own rules.

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§ 1003.2 Definitions.

(a) As used in this part:

Action means an order issued, or a rulemaking undertaken, by the DOE.

Aggrieved, with respect to a person, means adversely affected by an action of the DOE.

Conference means an informal meeting between the Office of Hearings and Appeals and any person aggrieved by an action of the DOE.

Director means the Director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals or duly authorized delegate.

DOE means the Department of Energy, created by the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

Duly authorized representative means a person who has been designated to appear before the Office of Hearings and Appeals in connection with a proceeding on behalf of a person interested in or aggrieved by an action of the DOE. Such appearance may consist of the submission of a written document, a personal appearance, verbal communication, or any other participation in the proceeding.

Exception means the waiver or modification of the requirements of a rule, regulation or other DOE action having the effect of a rule as defined by 5

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U.S.C. 551(4) under a specific set of facts, pursuant to subpart B of this part.

Federal legal holiday means the first day of January, the third Monday of January, the third Monday of February, the last Monday of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the second Monday of October, the eleventh day of November, the fourth Thursday of November, the twenty-fifth day of December, or any other calendar day designated as a holiday by federal statute or Executive order.

OHA means the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Order means the whole or a part of a final disposition, whether affirmative, negative, injunctive, or declaratory in form, of DOE in a matter other than rulemaking but including licensing. This definition does not include internal DOE orders and directives issued by the Secretary of Energy or delegate in the management and administration of departmental elements and functions.

Person means any individual, firm, estate, trust, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, company, joint-venture, corporation, governmental unit or instrumentality thereof, or a charitable, educational or other institution, and includes any officer, director, owner or duly authorized representative thereof.

Proceeding means the process and activity, and any part thereof, instituted by the OHA, either on its own initiative or in response to an application, complaint, petition or request submitted by a person, that may lead to an action by the OHA.

SRO means a special report order issued pursuant to §1003.8(b) of this part.

(b) Throughout this part the use of a word or term in the singular shall include the plural, and the use of the male gender shall include the female gender.

§ 1003.3 Appearance before the OHA.

(a) A person may make an appearance, including personal appearances in the discretion of the OHA, and participate in any proceeding described in this part on his own behalf or by a duly

authorized representative. Any application, appeal, petition, or request filed by a duly authorized representative shall contain a statement by such person certifying that he is a duly authorized representative. Falsification of such certification will subject such person to the sanctions stated in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(b) *Suspension and disqualification.* The OHA may deny, temporarily or permanently, the privilege of participating in proceedings, including oral presentation, to any individual who is found by the OHA—

(1) To have made false or misleading statements, either verbally or in writing;

(2) To have filed false or materially altered documents, affidavits or other writings;

(3) To lack the specific authority to represent the person seeking an OHA action; or

(4) To have engaged in or to be engaged in contumacious conduct that substantially disrupts a proceeding.

§ 1003.4 Filing of documents.

(a) Any document filed with the OHA must be addressed as required by §1003.11, and should conform to the requirements contained in §1003.9. All documents and exhibits submitted become part of an OHA file and will not be returned.

(b) A document submitted in connection with any proceeding transmitted by first class United States mail and properly addressed is considered to be filed upon mailing.

(c) Hand-delivered documents to be filed with the OHA shall be submitted to 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC, during normal business hours.

(d) Documents hand delivered or received electronically after regular business hours are deemed filed on the next regular business day.

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§ 1003.5 Computation of time.

(a) *Days.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these regulations or by an order of the OHA, the day of the act,