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the State is authorized to execute conditional leases and to make conditional sales of such selected lands pending survey of the exterior boundaries of the selected area, if necessary, and issuance of patent. Said officer will notify the appropriate State official in writing of his tentative approval of a selection after determining that there is no bar to passing legal title to the lands to the State other than the need for the survey of the lands or for the issuance of patent or both.

§ 2627.4 All grants.

(a) *State preference right of selection: waivers.* (1) The Act of July 7, 1958 (see § 2627.3(a)), provide that upon the revocation of any order of withdrawal in Alaska, the order of revocation shall provide for a period of not less than 90 days before the date on which it otherwise becomes effective during which period the State of Alaska shall have a preferred right of selection under the acts of 1956 and 1958, except as against prior existing valid rights, equitable claims subject to allowance and confirmation and other preferred rights of application conferred by law.

(2) Where the proper selecting agent of the State files in writing in the proper office a waiver of the preference provisions of paragraph (a) of this section in connection with the proposed revocation of an order of withdrawal, the order affecting such revocation will not provide for such preference.

(b) *Segregative effect of applications.* Lands desired by the State under the regulations of this part will be segregated from all appropriations based upon application or settlement and location, including locations under the mining laws, when the state files its application for selection in the proper office properly describing the lands as provided in § 2627.3(c)(1) (iii), (iv), and (v). Such segregation will automatically terminate unless the State publishes first notice as provided by paragraph (c) of this section within 60 days of service of such notice by the appropriate officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) *Publications and protests.* (1) The State will be required to publish once a week for five consecutive weeks in accordance with § 1824.4 of this chapter,

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at its own expense, in a designated newspaper, and in a designated form, a notice allowing all persons claiming the land adversely to file in the appropriate office their objections to the issuance of patent or certification for lands selected under the regulations of this part. A protestant must serve on the State a copy of the objections and furnish evidence of service to the proper office.

(2) The State must file a statement of the publisher, accompanied by a copy of the notice published, showing that publication has been had for the required time.

PART 2630—RAILROAD GRANTS

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Subpart 2631—Patents for Lands Sold by Railroad Carriers (Transportation Act of 1940)

AUTHORITY: R.S. 2478; 43 U.S.C. 1201.

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§ 2631.0-3 Authority.

Subsection (b) of section 321, Part II, Title III, of the Transportation Act of September 18, 1940 (54 Stat. 934; 49 U.S.C. 65), authorizes the issuance of patents for the benefit of certain innocent purchasers for value of land-grant lands from railroad carriers which have released their land-grant claims.

NOTE: Notices of releases of land grant claims by railroad carriers listing the carriers, the date of the approval of the release and the land-grant predecessors involved dated Dec. 17, 1940, May 17, 1941, and June 29, 1942, appear at 6 FR 449, 2634, and 7 FR 5319.

§ 2631.0-8 Lands for which applications may be made.

Subsection (b) of section 321, Part II, Title III, of the Transportation Act of 1940 provides that in the case of a railroad carrier, or a predecessor, which received a land grant to aid in the construction of any part of its railroad, the laws relating to compensation for certain Government transportation services shall continue to apply as though subsection (a) of section 321 had not been enacted unless the carrier shall file on or before September 18, 1941, with the Secretary of the Interior, in the form and manner prescribed by him, a release of any claim it may have to lands, interests in lands, compensation, or reimbursement on account of lands or interests in lands so granted, claimed to have been granted or claimed should have been granted. Section 321 provides further that nothing therein shall be construed as preventing the issuance of patents confirming the title to such uncertified or unpatented lands as the Secretary of the Interior shall find have been sold prior to September 18, 1940, to innocent purchasers for value. Subsection (b) of section 321 authorizing the issuance of such patents is not an enlargement of the grants, and does not extend them to lands not already covered thereby and, therefore, has no application to lands which for various reasons, such as mineral character, prior grants, withdrawals, reservations, or appropriation, were not subject to the grants. It does apply, however, to lands selected under remedial or lieu acts supplemental to the original grants as well as to primary and indemnity lands. Classification under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269), as amended by the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1976; 43 U.S.C. 315f), will not be required where the sold land is such as the company was authorized by law to select.

§ 2631.1 Applications.

Application, and supporting evidence, must be filed by the carrier in the proper office, accompanied by a non-refundable application service charge of \$10. The lands listed in any one application must be limited to those embraced in a single sale upon which the

claim for patent is based. The application should state that it is filed under the railroad land grant act involved, properly cited, and subsection (b) of section 321, Part II, Title III of the Transportation Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 954). The application must be supported by a showing that the land is of the character which would pass under the grant involved, and was not by some superior or prior claim, withdrawal, reservation, or other reason, excluded from the operation of the grant. Full details of the alleged sale must be furnished, such as dates, the terms thereof, the estate involved, consideration, parties, amounts and dates of payments, made, and amounts due, if any, description of the land, and transfers of title. The use, occupancy, and cultivation of the land and the improvements placed thereon by the alleged purchaser should be described. All statements should be duly corroborated. Available documentary evidence, including the contract or deed, should be filed, which may be authenticated copies of the originals. An abstract of title may be necessary, dependent upon the circumstances of the particular case. No application for a patent under this act will be favorably considered unless it be shown that the alleged purchaser is entitled forthwith to the estate and interest transferred by such patent. Evidence of a recorded deed of conveyance from the carrier to the purchaser may be required. Where the company has on file an application in which the sold lands embraced, it need not file a new application, but may file a request for amendment of the pending application to come under the Transportation Act of 1940, together with the showing, supra, required as to the *bona fide* sale.

§ 2631.2 Publication of notice.

The authorizing officer shall direct the publication of notice of the application. The notice will be published at the carrier's expense in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the land. If a daily newspaper be designated, the notice should be published in the Wednesday issue for five consecutive weeks; if weekly, for five consecutive issues; and if semiweekly, in either issue for five consecutive weeks. The carrier must furnish evidence of

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such publication in due course. Notice need not be published, in case of amendment of a pending application, where publication has already been had.

§ 2631.3 Surveying and conveyance fees.

The carrier must pay the cost of the survey of the land, paying also one-half the cost of any segregation survey in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to the survey and patenting of railroad lands. (See 43 U.S.C. 881 *et seq.*; also subpart 1822 of this chapter.)

§ 2631.4 Patents.

If all be found regular and in conformity with the governing law and regulations, patent shall be issued in the name of the grantee under the railroad grant, the carrier paying the costs of preparation and issuance of the patent.

PART 2640—FAA AIRPORT GRANTS

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 516, Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. 2215).

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Subpart 2640—Airport and Airway Improvement Act of September 3, 1982

§ 2640.0-1 Purpose.

This subpart sets forth procedures for the issuance of conveyance documents for lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior to public

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agencies for use as airports and airways.

§ 2640.0-3 Authority.

Section 516 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of September 3, 1982 (49 U.S.C. 2215).

§ 2640.0-5 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(a) *Act* means section 516 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of September 3, 1982 (49 U.S.C. 2215).

(b) *Secretary* means the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) *Authorized officer* means any employee of the Bureau of Land Management who has been delegated the authority to perform the duties described in this subpart.

(d) *Administrator* means the person authorized by the Secretary of Transportation to administer the Act.

(e) *Applicant* means any public agency as defined in § 153.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which, either individually or jointly with other such public agencies, submits to the Administrator an application requesting that lands or interests in lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior be conveyed to such applicant under the Act.

(f) *Property interest* means the title to or any other interest in lands or any easement through or other interest in air space.

(g) *Conveyance document* means a patent, deed or similar instrument which transfers title to lands or interests in lands.

§ 2640.0-7 Cross reference.

The regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration under the Act are found in 14 CFR part 153.

Subpart 2641—Procedures

§ 2641.1 Request by Administrator for conveyance of property interest.

Each request by the Administrator in behalf of the applicant for conveyance of a property interest in lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior shall be filed with the State Office of the Bureau of Land Management having jurisdiction of the