(4) For assisted units in projects financed other than as described in paragraph (b) (2) or (3) of this section, the Contract will be for an initial term of 20 years for any dwelling unit. There will be a provision for renewal for additional terms of not more than 5 years each. The total of initial and renewal terms will not exceed the lesser of (i) 30 years for any dwelling unit, or (ii) the term of the permanent financing (but not less than 20 years).

(c) Staged Projects. If a project is completed in stages, the term of the Contract must relate separately to the units in each stage unless the Agency and the owner agree that only the units in the first stage will be assisted for the maximum term of the Contract. The total Contract term, for the units in all stages, beginning with the effective date of the Contract for the first stage, may not exceed the overall maximum term allowable for any one unit under this section, plus two years.

[45 FR 56327, Aug. 22, 1980, as amended at 48 FR 12710, Mar. 28, 1983; 49 FR 17449, Apr. 24, 1984]

#### §883.604 Maximum annual commitment and project account.

(a) Maximum annual commitment. The maximum annual contribution that may be contracted for in the ACC is the total of the contract rents and utility allowances for all assisted units in the project, plus the HUD-approved fees, if any, for State Agency administration of the Contract. (See §883.606)

(b) Project Account. (1) A project account will be established and maintained by HUD as a specifically identified and segregated account for each project. The account will be established out of the amounts by which the maximum annual commitment exceeds the amount actually paid out under the ACC each year. Payments will be made from this account for housing assistance payments (and fees for Agency administration, if appropriate) when needed to cover increases in contract rents or decreases in tenant rents and for other costs specifically approved by the Secretary.

(2) Whenever a HUD-approved estimate of required payments under the ACC for a fiscal year exceeds the maximum annual commitment and would

cause the amount in the project account to be less than 40 percent of the maximum, HUD will, within a reasonable period of time, take such additional steps authorized by Section 8(c)(6) of the 1937 Act, as may be necessary, to assure that payments under the ACC will be adequate to cover increases in contract rents and decreases in tenant rents.

 $[45\ FR\ 6889,\ Jan.\ 30,\ 1980,\ as\ amended\ at\ 61\ FR\ 13593,\ Mar.\ 27,\ 1996]$ 

#### §883.605 Leasing to eligible families.

The provisions of 24 CFR 880.504 apply to this section, including reference at 24 CFR 880.504(f) to the requirements of 24 CFR part 5, subpart L (Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking), subject to the requirements of §883.105.

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#### §883.606 Administration fee.

(a) The State Agency is responsible for administration of the Contract subject to periodic review and audit by HUD.

(b) The Agency is entitled to a reasonable fee, determined by HUD, for administering a Contract on newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated units provided there is no override on the permanent loan granted by the Agency to the owner for a project containing assisted units.

## §883.607 Default by owner and/or agency.

(a) Rights of Owner if Agency defaults under Agreement or Contract. The ACC, the Agreement and the Contract will provide that, in the event of failure of the Agency to comply with the Agreement or Contract with the owner, the owner will have the right, if he/she is not in default, to demand that HUD investigate. HUD will first give the Agency a reasonable opportunity to take corrective action. If HUD determines that a substantial default exists, HUD will assume the Agency's rights and obligations under the Agreement or Contract and meet the obligations of the Agency under the Agreement or Contract including the obligation to enter into the Contract.

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- (b) Rights of HUD if Agency defaults under ACC. The ACC will provide that, if the Agency fails to comply with any of its obligations, HUD may determine that there is a substantial default and require the Agency to assign to HUD all of its rights and interests under the Contract; however, HUD will continue to pay annual contributions in accordance with the terms of the ACC and the Contract. Before determining that an Agency is in substantial default, HUD will give the Agency a reasonable opportunity to take corrective action.
- (c) Rights of Agency and HUD if Owner defaults under Contract. (1) The Contract will provide that if the Agency determines that the owner is in default under the Contract, the Agency will notify the owner, and lender, if applicable, with a copy to HUD,
- (i) Of the actions required to be taken to cure the default,
- (ii) Of the remedies to be applied by the Agency including specific performance under the Contract, abatement of housing assistance payments and recovery of overpayments, where appropriate; and
- (iii) That, if he/she fails to cure the default, the Agency has the right to terminate the Contract or to take other corrective action, in its discretion.
- (2) If the Agency provided the permanent financing, the Contract will also provide that HUD has an independent right to determine whether the owner is in default and to take corrective action and apply appropriate remedies, except that HUD will not have the right to terminate the Contract without proceeding in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

### §883.608 Notice upon contract expira-

The provisions of §880.508 of this chapter apply, subject to the requirements of §883.105.

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#### §883.701 Cross-reference.

All of the provisions of part 880, subpart F, of this chapter apply to projects assisted under this part, subject to the requirements of §883.105. For purposes of this subpart G, all references in part 880, subpart F, of this chapter to "contract administrator" shall be construed to refer to "Agency"

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# PART 884—SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM, NEW CONSTRUCTION SET-ASIDE FOR SECTION 515 RURAL RENTAL HOUSING PROJECTS

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