DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

45 CFR Parts 16, 74, 75, and 95

Indirect Cost Appeals

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This NPRM would remove the informal grant appeals procedure for indirect cost rates and other cost issues. The regional HHS Divisions of Cost Allocation have been reorganized into a new Program Support Center and no longer report to the Regional Directors, making the process obsolete. The Department also sees little value in this formal appeals process because it frequently lengthens the time required for appeals. Deletion of this rule will reduce internal management regulations as required by Executive Order 12861.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by May 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be in writing and should be mailed or faxed to Charles Gale, Director, Office of Grants Management, HHS, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Washington DC 20201; FAX (202) 690-8772. Written comments may be inspected at the identified address during agency business hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Speck, (202) 401-2751. For the hearing impaired only: TDD (202) 690-6415.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We propose to remove 45 CFR part 75, “Informal grant appeals procedures,” together with all references to it. Part 75 provides for an informal appeals process to the Regional Directors (prior to formal appeals under 45 CFR part 16) for disputes arising from determinations made by a Director, Division of Cost Allocation (DCA) in the Department’s regional offices, concerning indirect cost rates and certain other cost allocation plans. The Department’s Divisions of Cost Allocation have been reorganized into a new Program Support Center and no longer report to the Regional Directors. Consequently the procedures in part 75 are obsolete.

In addition, experience has shown that this informal appeals process actually resolves very few of the covered disputes, because most of these informal appeals are subsequently appealed to the Departmental Appeals Board established by 45 CFR part 16. Therefore, this informal appeals process has the effect of lengthening the total time required to finally resolve the subject appeals.

Since the department sees little value in this informal appeals process, and this process is obsolete, we propose to eliminate part 75 and thereby reduce internal management regulations as required by Executive Order 12861.

Regulatory Impact Analyses

Executive Order 12866

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this proposed rule was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), has reviewed this proposed rule before publication and, by approving it, certifies that it does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rule does not contain information collection requirements requiring clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Parts 16, 74, 75, and 95

Accounting, Administrative practice and procedure, Grant programs—health, Grant programs—social programs, Grants administration, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

(List of Federal Domestic Assistance Number does not apply)


Donna E. Shalala, Secretary.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, it is proposed that title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations be amended as follows:

PART 16—PROCEDURES OF THE DEPARTMENTAL GRANT APPEALS BOARD

1. The authority citation for part 16 would continue to read as follows:


§16.3 [Amended]

2. Section 16.3 would be amended in paragraph (c) by removing the words “and part 75 of this title for rate determinations and cost allocation plans”. 
Appendix A to Part 16—[Amended]

3. Section D. of appendix A would be amended by removing the last sentence.

PART 74—UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDS AND SUBAWARDS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HOSPITALS, OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND CERTAIN GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH STATES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

4. The authority citation for part 74 would continue to read as follows:

§ 74.62 [Amended]

5. Section 74.62 would be amended in paragraph (b) by removing the numbers “16, 75,” and adding, in their place, the number “16”.

§ 74.90 [Amended]

6. Section 74.90 would be amended in paragraph (b) by removing the words “parts 16 and 75” and adding, in their place, the words “part 16”.

PART 75—[REMOVED]

7. Part 75— would be removed.

PART 95—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—GRANT PROGRAMS (PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE)

8. The authority citation for part 95 would continue to read as follows:

§ 95.519 [Amended]

9. Section 95.519 would be removed.

10. Section 95.519 would be amended by redesignating paragraph (b)(1) as paragraph (b), by removing the words “reconsideration of the determination under 45 CFR part 75” and adding, in their place, the words “appeal of the determination under 45 CFR part 16”, and by removing paragraph (b)(2).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97–86, RM–9025]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Camdenton, MO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Camdenton Community Broadcasters proposing the allotment of Channel 265A to Camdenton, Missouri. The coordinates for Channel 265A are 38°02’00” and 92°44’20”. There is a site restriction 2.9 kilometers (1.8 miles) north of the community.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 21, 1997, and reply comments on or before May 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner’s counsel, as follows: Richard J. Hayes, Jr., 13800 Black Meadow Road, Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.


Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all ex parte contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible ex parte contact. For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97–84, RM–9021]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Pauls Valley, OK

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Tom Stamper seeking the allotment of Channel 291A to Pauls Valley, OK, as the community’s second local FM and third aural broadcast service. Channel 291A can be allotted to Pauls Valley in compliance with the Commission’s minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 9.8 kilometers (6.1 miles) south, at coordinates 34°39’–14” NL; 97°11’–54” WL, to avoid a short-spacing to Station KGOU, Channel 292A, Norman, OK.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 21, 1997, and reply comments on or before May 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Tom Stamper, 2402 C Avenue, Lawton, OK 73505 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.


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