

**PART 3—ADJUDICATION****Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation**

1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 3.304, paragraph (f) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 3.304 Direct service connection; wartime and peacetime.**

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(f) *Post-traumatic stress disorder.* Service connection for post-traumatic stress disorder requires medical evidence diagnosing the condition in accordance with § 4.125(a) of this chapter; a link, established by medical evidence, between current symptoms and an in-service stressor; and credible supporting evidence that the claimed in-service stressor occurred. Although service connection may be established based on other in-service stressors, the following provisions apply for specified in-service stressors as set forth below:

(1) If the evidence establishes that the veteran engaged in combat with the enemy and the claimed stressor is related to that combat, in the absence of clear and convincing evidence to the contrary, and provided that the claimed stressor is consistent with the circumstances, conditions, or hardships of the veteran's service, the veteran's lay testimony alone may establish the occurrence of the claimed in-service stressor.

(2) If the evidence establishes that the veteran was a prisoner-of-war under the provisions of § 3.1(y) of this part and the claimed stressor is related to that prisoner-of-war experience, in the absence of clear and convincing evidence to the contrary, and provided that the claimed stressor is consistent with the circumstances, conditions, or hardships of the veteran's service, the veteran's lay testimony alone may establish the occurrence of the claimed in-service stressor.

(3) If a post-traumatic stress disorder claim is based on in-service personal assault, evidence from sources other than the veteran's service records may corroborate the veteran's account of the stressor incident. Examples of such evidence include, but are not limited to: records from law enforcement authorities, rape crisis centers, mental health counseling centers, hospitals, or physicians; pregnancy tests or tests for sexually transmitted diseases; and statements from family members, roommates, fellow service members, or

clergy. Evidence of behavior changes following the claimed assault is one type of relevant evidence that may be found in these sources. Examples of behavior changes that may constitute credible evidence of the stressor include, but are not limited to: a request for a transfer to another military duty assignment; deterioration in work performance; substance abuse; episodes of depression, panic attacks, or anxiety without an identifiable cause; or unexplained economic or social behavior changes. VA will not deny a post-traumatic stress disorder claim that is based on in-service personal assault without first advising the claimant that evidence from sources other than the veteran's service records or evidence of behavior changes may constitute credible supporting evidence of the stressor and allowing him or her the opportunity to furnish this type of evidence or advise VA of potential sources of such evidence. VA may submit any evidence that it receives to an appropriate medical or mental health professional for an opinion as to whether it indicates that a personal assault occurred.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 1154)

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 76**

[CS Docket No. 98-132; FCC 01-314]

**1998 Biennial Review—Multichannel Video and Cable Television Service**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; announcement of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the effective date of an amendment to our rules pertaining to the public file, notice, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements adopted in the Second Report and Order in CS Docket No. 98-132 in the Commission's biennial review of the public file and notice requirements concerning cable television. Section 76.1700(a) relieves cable systems serving 1000 or more, but fewer than 5000 subscribers, from certain recordkeeping requirements associated with maintaining the public file, requiring public file information to be provided only upon request. A summary of the Second Report and Order was published in the **Federal**

**Register** at 66 FR 67115 on December 28, 2001.

**DATES:** Section 76.1700(a), published at 66 FR 67115 (December 28, 2001) became effective on January 28, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sonia Greenaway-Mickle, Cable Services Bureau, (202) 418-1419.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 26, 1999, the Commission released a Report and Order in CS Docket No. 98-132, 65 FR 53610, regarding the Commission's 1998 biennial regulatory review of its regulations conducted pursuant to section 11 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and streamlined and reorganized part 76 public file, recordkeeping, and notice requirements. In the Second Report and Order in CS Docket No. 98-132, the Commission adopted section 76.1700(a). Section 76.1700(a) relieves cable systems serving 1000 or more, but fewer than 5000 subscribers, from certain recordkeeping requirements associated with maintaining the public file, requiring public file information to be provided only upon request. A summary of the Second Report and Order was published in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 67115 on December 28, 2001. On June 7, 2001, OMB approved the information collection contained in the part 76 rule. OMB 3060-0981. This publication satisfies the statement in the Second Report and Order that the Commission would publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of that rule.

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 76**

Federal Communications Commission.  
**William F. Caton,**  
*Acting Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board****49 CFR Part 1002**

[STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 8)]

**Regulations Governing Fees For Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2002 Update**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rules.

**SUMMARY:** The Board adopts its 2002 User Fee Update and revises its fee schedule at this time to recover the costs

associated with the January 2002 Government salary increases.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These rules are effective April 8, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David T. Groves, (202) 565-1551, or Anne Quinlan, (202) 565-1727. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board's regulations in 49 CFR 1002.3 require the Board's user fee schedule to be updated annually. The Board's regulation at 49 CFR 1002.3(a) provides that the entire fee schedule or selected fees can be modified more than once a year, if necessary. The Board's fees are revised based on the cost study formula set forth at 49 CFR 1002.3(d). Also, in some previous years, selected fees were modified to reflect new cost study data or changes in agency fee policy.

Because Board employees received a salary increase of 4.77% in January 2002, we are updating our user fees to recover the increased personnel costs. With certain exceptions, all fees will be updated based on our cost formula contained in 49 CFR 1002.3(d).

The fee increases involved here result only from the mechanical application of the update formula in 49 CFR 1002.3(d), which was adopted through notice and comment procedures in *Regulations Governing Fees for Services-1987 Update*, 4 I.C.C.2d 137 (1987). In addition, no new fees are being proposed in this proceeding. Therefore, we find that notice and comment are

unnecessary for this proceeding. See *Regulations Governing Fees For Services-1990 Update*, 7 I.C.C.2d 3 (1990); *Regulations Governing Fees For Services-1991 Update*, 8 I.C.C.2d 13 (1991); and *Regulations Governing Fees For Services-1993 Update*, 9 I.C.C.2d 855 (1993).

We conclude that the fee changes adopted here will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the Board's regulations provide for waiver of filing fees for those entities that can make the required showing of financial hardship.

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To obtain a copy of the full decision, write, call, or pick up in person from the Board's contractor, Da-To-Da Legal, Suite 405, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 293-7776. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services 1-800-877-8339.)

**List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1002**

Administrative practice and procedure, Common carriers, Freedom of information, User fees.

Decided: February 28, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, title 49, chapter X, part 1002, of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 1002—FEES**

1. The authority citation for part 1002 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and 553; 31 U.S.C. 9701 and 49 U.S.C. 721(a).

2. Section 1002.1 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) through (d) and (e)(1) and the table in paragraph (f)(6) to read as follows:

**§ 1002.1 Fees for record search, review, copying, certification, and related services.**

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(a) Certificate of the Secretary, \$12.00.

(b) Service involved in examination of tariffs or schedules for preparation of certified copies of tariffs or schedules or extracts therefrom at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

(c) Service involved in checking records to be certified to determine authenticity, including clerical work, etc., incidental thereto, at the rate of \$21.00 per hour.

(d) Photocopies of tariffs, reports, and other public documents, at the rate of \$1.00 per letter or legal size exposure. A minimum charge of \$5.00 will be made for this service.

(e) \* \* \*

(1) A fee of \$53.00 per hour for professional staff time will be charged when it is required to fulfill a request for ADP data.

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Grade	Rate	Grade	Rate
GS-1 .....	\$8.93	GS-9	\$20.86
GS-2 .....	9.72	GS-10	22.97
GS-3 .....	10.96	GS-11	25.23
GS-4 .....	12.30	GS-12	30.24
GS-5 .....	13.76	GS-13	35.96
GS-6 .....	15.34	GS-14	42.50
GS-7 .....	17.05	GS-15 and	49.99
GS-8 .....	18.88	over	

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**§ 1002.2 Filing fees.**

(a) \* \* \*

(f) *Schedule of filing fees.*

2. In § 1002.2, paragraph (f) is revised as follows:

Type of proceeding	Fee
PART I: Non-Rail Applications or Proceedings to Enter Upon a Particular Financial Transaction or Joint Arrangement:	
(1) An application for the pooling or division of traffic .....	\$3,200
(2) An application involving the purchase, lease, consolidation, merger, or acquisition of control of a motor carrier of passengers under 49 U.S.C. 14303 .....	1,500
(3) An application for approval of a non-rail rate association agreement. 49 U.S.C. 13703. ....	20,400
(4) An application for approval of an amendment to a non-rail rate association agreement:	
(i) Significant amendment .....	3,400
(ii) Minor amendment .....	70
(5) An application for temporary authority to operate a motor carrier of passengers. 49 U.S.C. 14303(i) .....	350

Type of proceeding	Fee
(6) A notice of exemption for transaction within a motor passenger corporate family that does not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with motor passenger carriers outside the corporate family .....	1,300
(7)-(10) [Reserved] .....	
PART II: Rail Licensing Proceedings other than Abandonment or Discontinuance Proceedings:	
(11) (i) An application for a certificate authorizing the extension, acquisition, or operation of lines of railroad. 49 U.S.C. 10901 .....	5,300
(ii) Notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31-1150.35 .....	1,300
(iii) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 .....	9,300
(12) (i) An application involving the construction of a rail line .....	55,000
(ii) A notice of exemption involving construction of a rail line under 49 CFR 1150.36 .....	1,300
(iii) A petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 involving construction of a rail line .....	55,000
(13) A Feeder Line Development Program application filed under 49 U.S.C. 10907(b)(1)(A)(i) or 10907(b)(1)(A)(ii) .....	2,600
(14) (i) An application of a class II or class III carrier to acquire an extended or additional rail line under 49 U.S.C. 10902. ...	4,600
(ii) Notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41-1150.45 .....	1,300
(iii) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 relating to an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10902 .....	4,900
(15) A notice of a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150.21-1150.24 .....	1,200
(16)-(20) [Reserved] .....	
PART III: Rail Abandonment or Discontinuance of Transportation Services Proceedings:	
(21)(i) An application for authority to abandon all or a portion of a line of railroad or discontinue operation thereof filed by a railroad (except applications filed by Consolidated Rail Corporation pursuant to the Northeast Rail Service Act [Subtitle E of Title XI of Pub. L. 97-35], bankrupt railroads, or exempt abandonments) .....	16,300
(ii) Notice of an exempt abandonment or discontinuance under 49 CFR 1152.50 .....	2,700
(iii) A petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 .....	4,700
(22) An application for authority to abandon all or a portion of a line of a railroad or operation thereof filed by Consolidated Rail Corporation pursuant to Northeast Rail Service Act .....	350
(23) Abandonments filed by bankrupt railroads .....	1,400
(24) A request for waiver of filing requirements for abandonment application proceedings .....	1,300
(25) An offer of financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. 10904 relating to the purchase of or subsidy for a rail line proposed for abandonment .....	1,100
(26) A request to set terms and conditions for the sale of or subsidy for a rail line proposed to be abandoned .....	16,700
(27) A request for a trail use condition in an abandonment proceeding under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) .....	150
(28)-(35) [Reserved] .....	
PART IV: Rail Applications to Enter Upon a Particular Financial Transaction or Joint Arrangement:	
(36) An application for use of terminal facilities or other applications under 49 CFR 11102 .....	14,000
(37) An application for the pooling or division of traffic. 49 U.S.C. 11322 .....	7,500
(38) An application for two or more carriers to consolidate or merge their properties or franchises (or a part thereof) into one corporation for ownership, management, and operation of the properties previously in separate ownership. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction .....	1,099,800
(ii) Significant transaction .....	219,900
(iii) Minor transaction .....	5,800
(iv) Notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d) .....	1,300
(v) Responsive application .....	5,800
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 .....	6,900
(39) An application of a non-carrier to acquire control of two or more carriers through ownership of stock or otherwise. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction .....	1,099,800
(ii) Significant transaction .....	219,900
(iii) Minor transaction .....	5,800
(iv) A notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d) .....	1,000
(v) Responsive application .....	5,800
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 .....	6,900
(40) An application to acquire trackage rights over, joint ownership in, or joint use of any railroad lines owned and operated by any other carrier and terminals incidental thereto. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction .....	1,099,800
(ii) Significant transaction .....	219,900
(iii) Minor transaction .....	5,800
(iv) Notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d) .....	900
(v) Responsive application .....	5,800
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 .....	6,900
(41) An application of a carrier or carriers to purchase, lease, or contract to operate the properties of another, or to acquire control of another by purchase of stock or otherwise. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction .....	1,099,800
(ii) Significant transaction .....	219,900
(iii) Minor transaction .....	5,800
(iv) Notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d) .....	1,000
(v) Responsive application .....	5,800
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 .....	4,900
(42) Notice of a joint project involving relocation of a rail line under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(5) .....	1,800
(43) An application for approval of a rail rate association agreement. 49 U.S.C. 10706 .....	51,400
(44) An application for approval of an amendment to a rail rate association agreement. 49 U.S.C. 10706:	
(i) Significant amendment .....	9,500
(ii) Minor amendment .....	70

Type of proceeding	Fee
(45) An application for authority to hold a position as officer or director under 49 U.S.C. 11328 .....	550
(46) A petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 (other than a rulemaking) filed by rail carrier not otherwise covered .....	5,900
(47) National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) conveyance proceeding under 45 U.S.C. 562 .....	150
(48) National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) compensation proceeding under Section 402(a) of the Rail Passenger Service Act .....	150
(49)–(55) [Reserved] .....	
PART V: Formal Proceedings:	
(56) A formal complaint alleging unlawful rates or practices of carriers:	
(i) A formal complaint filed under the coal rate guidelines (Stand-Alone Cost Methodology) alleging unlawful rates and/or practices of rail carriers under 49 U.S.C. 10704(c)(1) .....	61,400
(ii) All other formal complaints (except competitive access complaints) .....	6,000
(iii) Competitive access complaints .....	150
(57) A complaint seeking or a petition requesting institution of an investigation seeking the prescription or division of joint rates or charges. 49 U.S.C. 10705 .....	6,500
(58) A petition for declaratory order:	
(i) A petition for declaratory order involving a dispute over an existing rate or practice which is comparable to a complaint proceeding .....	1,000
(ii) All other petitions for declaratory order .....	1,400
(59) An application for shipper antitrust immunity. 49 U.S.C. 10706(a)(5)(A) .....	5,200
(60) Labor arbitration proceedings .....	150
(61) Appeals to a Surface Transportation Board decision and petitions to revoke an exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) .....	150
(62) Motor carrier undercharge proceedings .....	150
(63)–(75) [Reserved] .....	
PART VI: Informal Proceedings:	
(76) An application for authority to establish released value rates or ratings for motor carriers and freight forwarders of household goods under 49 U.S.C. 14706 .....	900
(77) An application for special permission for short notice or the waiver of other tariff publishing requirements .....	90
(78) (i) The filing of tariffs, including supplements, or contract summaries .....	1 per page (\$18 minimum charge.)
(ii) Tariffs transmitted by fax .....	1 per page
(79) Special docket applications from rail and water carriers:	
(i) Applications involving \$25,000 or less .....	50
(ii) Applications involving over \$25,000 .....	100
(80) Informal complaint about rail rate applications .....	450
(81) Tariff reconciliation petitions from motor common carriers:	
(i) Petitions involving \$25,000 or less .....	50
(ii) Petitions involving over \$25,000 .....	100
(82) Request for a determination of the applicability or reasonableness of motor carrier rates under 49 U.S.C. 13710(a)(2) and (3) .....	150
(83) Filing of documents for recordation. 49 U.S.C. 11301 and 49 CFR 1177.3(c) .....	30 per document
(84) Informal opinions about rate applications (all modes) .....	150
(85) A railroad accounting interpretation .....	800
(86) An operational interpretation .....	1,100
(87) Arbitration of Certain Disputes Subject to the Statutory Jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board under 49 CFR 1108:	
(i) Complaint .....	75
(ii) Answer (per defendant), Unless Declining to Submit to Any Arbitration .....	75
(iii) Third Party Complaint .....	75
(iv) Third Party Answer (per defendant), Unless Declining to Submit to Any Arbitration .....	75
(v) Appeals of Arbitration Decisions or Petitions to Modify or Vacate an Arbitration Award .....	150
(88)–(95) [Reserved] .....	
PART VII: Services:	
(96) Messenger delivery of decision to a railroad carrier's Washington, DC, agent .....	23 per delivery
(97) Request for service or pleading list for proceedings .....	18 per list
(98) (i) Processing the paperwork related to a request for the Carload Waybill Sample to be used in a Surface Transportation Board or State proceeding that does not require a Federal Register notice .....	200
(ii) Processing the paperwork related to a request for Carload Waybill Sample to be used for reasons other than a Surface Transportation Board or State proceeding that requires a Federal Register notice .....	450
(99) (i) Application fee for the Surface Transportation Board's Practitioners' Exam .....	100
(ii) Practitioners' Exam Information Package .....	25
(100) Uniform Railroad Costing System (URCS) software and information:	
(i) Initial PC version URCS Phase III software program and manual .....	50
(ii) Updated URCS PC version Phase III cost file, if computer disk provided by requestor .....	10
(iii) Updated URCS PC version Phase III cost file, if computer disk provided by the Board .....	20
(iv) Public requests for <i>Source Codes</i> to the PC version URCS Phase III .....	500
(v) PC version or mainframe version URCS Phase II .....	400
(vi) PC version or mainframe version Updated Phase II databases .....	50
(vii) Public requests for <i>Source Codes</i> to PC version URCS Phase II .....	1,500
(101) Carload Waybill Sample data on recordable compact disk (R-CD):	
(i) Requests for Public Use File on R-CD—First Year .....	450
(ii) Requests for Public Use File on R-CD Each Additional Year .....	150
(iii) Waybill—Surface Transportation Board or State proceedings on R-CD—First Year .....	650
(iv) Waybill—Surface Transportation Board or State proceedings on R-CD—Second Year on same R-CD .....	450

Type of proceeding	Fee
(v) Waybill—Surface Transportation Board of State proceeding on R-CD—Second Year on different R-CD .....	500
(vi) User Guide for latest available Carload Waybill Sample .....	50

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