appropriations act, and the implementing LSC regulations which are applicable to a recipient’s non-LSC funds. Subsection (b)(9) is the provision that references the attorneys’ fees restriction (504(a)(13) and part 1642) and is now obsolete.

Request for Comments

LSC is implementing these changes as an Interim Final Rule with a Request for Comments. LSC believes this action is authorized and appropriate because LSC is removing (and not imposing any additional) prohibitions or requirements on recipients and is doing so in response to a specific statutory change removing a similar prohibition. LSC believes that this course of action will provide necessary clarity to recipients and will permit recipients and their clients to benefit from the statutory and regulatory changes at the earliest possible date. However, LSC is seeking comment on the changes being made herein and anticipates issuing a Final Rule discussing any comments. Interested parties may submit comments as provided herein. Comments are due to LSC no later than March 15, 2010.

List of Subjects

45 CFR Parts 1609 and 1610

Grant programs—Law, Legal services.

45 CFR Part 1642

Grant programs—Law, Lawyers, Legal services.

For reasons set forth above, and under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 2996(e), LSC hereby amends 45 CFR chapter XVI as follows:

PART 1609—FEE-GENERATING CASES

1. The authority citation for part 1609 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996(b)(1) and 2996(e)(6).

§ 1609.3 [Amended]

2. Paragraph (c) of § 1609.3, is removed.

§ 1609.4 [Redesignated as § 1609.6]

3. Section 1609.4 is redesignated as § 1609.6.

4. A new § 1609.4 is added to read as follows:

§ 1609.4 Accounting for and use of attorneys’ fees.

(a) Attorneys’ fees received by a recipient for representation supported in whole or in part with funds provided by the Corporation shall be allocated to the fund in which the recipient’s LSC grant is recorded in the same proportion that the amount of Corporation funds expended bears to the total amount expended by the recipient to support the representation.

(b) Attorneys’ fees received shall be recorded during the accounting period in which the money from the fee award is actually received by the recipient and may be expended for any purpose permitted by the LSC Act, regulations and other law applicable at the time the money is received.

5. A new § 1609.5 is added to read as follows:

§ 1609.5 Acceptance of reimbursement from a client.

(a) When a case results in recovery of damages or statutory benefits, a recipient may accept reimbursement from the client for out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the case, if the client has agreed in writing to reimburse the recipient for such costs and expenses out of any such recovery.

(b) A recipient may require a client to pay court costs when the client does not qualify to proceed in forma pauperis under the rules of the jurisdiction.

PART 1610—USE OF NON-LSC FUNDS, TRANSFERS OF LSC FUNDS, PROGRAM INTEGRITY

6. The authority citation for part 1610 is revised to read as follows:


§ 1610.2 [Amended]

7. Section 1610.2 is amended by removing paragraph (b)(9) and redesignating paragraphs (b)(10) through (b)(14) as paragraphs (b)(9) through (b)(13) respectively.

PART 1642—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]

8. Part 1642 is removed and reserved.

Victor M. Fortuno,
Interim President.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

47 CFR Part 300

[Docket Number 100125044–0044–01]

RIN 0660–AA10


AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) hereby makes certain changes to its regulations, which relate to the public availability of the Manual of Regulations and Procedures for Federal Radio Frequency Management (NTIA Manual). Specifically, the NTIA updates the version of the Manual of Regulations and Procedures for Federal Radio Frequency Management with which Federal agencies must comply when requesting use of the radio frequency spectrum.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This regulation is effective on February 11, 2010. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 11, 2010.

ADDRESSES: A reference copy of the NTIA Manual, including all revisions in effect, is available in the Office of Spectrum Management, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 1087, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Mitchell, Office of Spectrum Management at (202) 482–8124 or wmitchell@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NTIA authorizes the U.S. Government’s use of the radio frequency spectrum. 47 U.S.C. § 902(b)(2)(A). As part of this authority, NTIA developed the NTIA Manual to provide further guidance to applicable Federal agencies. The NTIA Manual is the compilation of policies and procedures that govern the use of the radio frequency spectrum by the U.S. Government. Federal government agencies are required to follow these policies and procedures in their use of the spectrum.

Part 300 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations provides
information about the process by which NTIA regularly revises the NTIA Manual and makes public this document and all revisions. Federal agencies are required to comply with the specifications in the NTIA Manual according to 47 U.S.C. §§ 901 et seq., Executive Order 12046 (March 27, 1978), 43 FR 13349, 3 CFR 1978 Comp., p. 158, when requesting frequency assignments for use of the radio frequency spectrum.

This rule updates section 300.1(b) to specify the version of the NTIA Manual with which Federal agencies must comply when requesting frequency assignments for use of the radio frequency spectrum. In particular, section 300.1(b) amends the regulations by replacing “September 2008” with “September 2009.” Upon the effective date of this rule, Federal agencies must comply with the requirements set forth in the January 2008 edition of the NTIA Manual, as revised through September 2009.


Paperwork Reduction Act

This action does not contain collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the PRA, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

NTIA finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. § 553(b)(3)(B) to waive prior notice and opportunity for public comment as it is unnecessary. This action amends the regulations to include the date of the most current version of the NTIA Manual. These changes do not impact the rights or obligations of the public. The NTIA Manual applies only to Federal agencies. Because these changes impact only Federal agencies, NTIA finds it unnecessary to provide for the notice and comment requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 553.

Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.) are not applicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Executive Order 13132

This rule does not contain policies having federalism implications as that term is defined in EO 13132.

Regulatory Text

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 300

Incorporation by reference; Radio.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, NTIA amends title 47, Part 300 as follows:

PART 300—MANUAL OF REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL RADIO FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT

1. The authority citation for Part 300 continues to read as follows:


2. Paragraph 300.1(b) is revised to read as follows:


(b) The Federal agencies shall comply with the requirements set forth in the January 2008 edition of the NTIA Manual, as revised through September 2009, which is incorporated by reference with approval of the Director,