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I hereby certify that the aforementioned revised determinations on reconsideration were issued on January 9, 2012. These determinations are available on the Department’s Web site at tradact/taa/taa_search_form.cfm and on the searchable listing of determinations or by calling the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance toll-free at (888) 365–6822.

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TA–W–80,114; CEVA Logistics, East Liberty, OH.
TA–W–80,114A; CEVA Logistics, Van Wert, OH.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[DOCKET NO. 2012–2]

Copyright Office Fees

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of Inquiry; Fees.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Copyright Office is in the process of reviewing its fees for services and will publish a proposed revised fee schedule in the spring. As part of the process of formulating that fee schedule, the Office seeks the views of interested parties on two particular issues: (1) With respect to the basic registration fee, should special consideration be provided to individual author-claimants registering a single work, and (2) are there any special services and corresponding fees the Office should expand, improve or add to its offerings at this time, including, for example, additional expedited services and fee options.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than February 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The Copyright Office strongly prefers that comments be submitted electronically. A comment page containing a comment form is posted on the Office Web site at http://www.copyright.gov/docs/newfeeservices. The Web site interface requires submitters to complete a form specifying name and organization, as applicable, and to upload comments as an attachment via a browser button. To meet accessibility standards, submitters must upload comments in a single file not to exceed six megabytes (MB) in one of the following formats: the Adobe Portable Document File (PDF) format that contains searchable, accessible text (not an image); Microsoft Word; WordPerfect; Rich Text Format (RTF); or ASCII text file format (not a scanned document). The form and face of the comments must include both the name of the submitter and organization. The Office will post all comments publicly on the Office’s Web site exactly as they are received, along with names and organizations. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible, please contact the Office at 202–707–8380 for special instructions.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher S. Reed, Senior Advisor for Policy and Special Projects, Office of the Register of Copyrights, or David O. Carson, General Counsel, at (202) 707–8350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Copyright Act (the “Act”) provides that the Register of Copyrights may adjust certain fees based upon a study of the costs incurred by the Copyright Office for the registration of claims, the recordation of documents, and the provision of services. 17 U.S.C. 708(b). Since the Act was amended to provide for such adjustments, the Office has undertaken fee studies approximately every three years and made adjustments accordingly. The Office last adjusted fees in 2009. It is currently analyzing costs and corresponding fees and intends to propose a new fee schedule for public comment in the spring of this year.

At this time, the Office seeks public comment on two issues. First, with respect to the basic registration fee, should special consideration be provided to individual author-claimants registering a single work that is not a work made for hire? Second, are there any special services and corresponding fees the Office should expand, improve or add to its offerings at this time, including, for example, additional expedited services and fee options for copyright owners and their representatives?

II. Discussion

A. Applications by Individual Author-Claimants

The Copyright Office is committed to maintaining an affordable copyright registration system. No author or copyright owner should be deterred from registering a copyright because the cost of registration is too high. On the other hand, much of the Office’s budget comes from the collection of fees for costs of services rendered, and Congress has mandated that the Office periodically study and adjust fees as necessary. But some copyright registration applications are less expensive to process than others. Logically, an application by a single author, who also happens to be the sole copyright claimant, to register a single work should take less time and cost less to examine than an application involving multiple authors or works. At a time when the Copyright Office, like other agencies of the federal government, has a responsibility to provide greater fiscal stewardship (and is being called upon to be more self-sustaining), fees in general are likely to increase, raising possible policy issues. Individual authors may find higher fees an impediment to submitting applications, yet many of the works that come from authors are critical to the nation’s economy and the Library of Congress’ mint record and collection of American creativity. The copyright law itself is designed to promote and protect authorship and this includes facilitating registration for the establishment of a public record of copyright claims and to enable the copyright owner to seek all the remedies available in the Copyright Act. Similarly, users of copyrighted works rely on the Copyright Office registration records to identify copyright owners when they require licenses. If individual authors do not register and are therefore not part of the public database, they more than any other group of copyright owners may be difficult to find.

The Copyright Office therefore seeks comment from authors, copyright owners and the public in general as to whether, in its proposed new fee schedule, the Office should set a lower fee for an application to register a single work when the application is submitted by a person who is the sole author and the sole copyright owner of the work, the work is not a work made for hire, and the work does not contain material that was previously published or registered. The fee would be lower than the registration fee for other applications in recognition of the lower cost in processing such simple applications as well as the need to encourage individual authors to register their copyrights. More complex registrations, such as those involving groups, collections, multiple titles, etc., require greater attention of Copyright Office staff (e.g., to ensure that the public database contains sufficient index terms and information) and therefore incur greater costs.

There is some precedent for special treatment for simple basic applications by individual authors. Since 1993, Short Forms PA, TX and VA have been available to register a copyright claim by a living author who is the sole author of his or her work and is the sole owner of copyright in the work. Additional requirements for use of the short form are that the work must be completely new in the sense that it does not contain material that has been previously published or registered or that is in the public domain, and that the work must not be a work made for hire—i.e., a work prepared by an employee within the scope of his or her employment; or a work specially ordered or commissioned for certain uses, if the parties expressly state in a written agreement signed by them that the work shall be considered a work made for hire. See Instructions for Short Form PA, http://www.copyright.gov/forms/formpas.pdf, Instructions for Short Form TX, http://www.copyright.gov/forms/formtxs.pdf, and Instructions for Short Form VA, http://www.copyright.gov/forms/formvaa.pdf. The short form applications are one-sided, one-page applications which are simple to complete and simple to process.

To be clear, the Office is not necessarily proposing a lower fee for short form paper applications. It may well make sense, in the interests of cost savings and efficiency, to restrict any lower-fee option to qualifying applications that are submitted online. Moreover, in some cases the short forms may be used to register collections of works by the same author-claimant, a situation that requires more examination and that may well not warrant a lower fee. And while there is currently no online equivalent of the short form applications, an online application by a single author/claimant of a single work will be much simpler to complete and to examine than a more complicated application. Thus, the apparent reduced cost of processing such applications would appear to justify a reduced fee vis-à-vis other kinds of registrations.

The Office welcomes comments on not only whether, but also under what circumstances, a lower fee for individual authors may be justified and prudent. Among other issues, the Office is interested in hearing whether such an accommodation, if it adopted, should be offered only to qualifying applications that are submitted online, or whether it should also be offered to paper applications submitted using one of the short forms. Although the Office has outlined some particular scenarios above, it welcomes comments on other fact patterns, if not for immediate consideration this spring, for its ongoing analysis.

B. Other Special Services

The Office seeks public comment on whether it should offer additional special services on a fee-for-service basis. For example, the Office has heard informal suggestions that some applicants wish to seek expedited registration and would be willing to pay a premium for such accommodation. The Office already offers expedited processing in the form of “Special Handling” for a higher fee (currently $760 per claim, in addition to the
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[FR Doc. 2012–0011]

Biweekly Notice: Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

Background

Pursuant to Section 189a(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from December 29, 2011, to January 13, 2012. The last biweekly notice was published on January 10, 2012 (77 FR 1514).

ADDRESSES: Please include Docket ID NRC–2012–0011 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal Rulemaking Web site http://www.regulations.gov. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want to be publicly disclosed.

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• Mail comments to: Cindy Bladex, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB–05–B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, or by fax to RABD at (301) 492–3446.

You can access publicly available documents related to this notice using the following methods:

• NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR): The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are accessible electronically through ADAMS in the NRC Library at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of the NRC’s public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC’s PDR reference staff at 1–(800) 397–4209, (301) 415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC’s public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC’s PDR reference staff at 1–(800) 397–4209, (301) 415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

• Federal Rulemaking Web site: Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at http://www.regulations.gov by searching on Docket ID: NRC–2012–0011.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission’s regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a