

■ 6. In § 989.19, paragraph (c)(2), revise the last sentence to read as follows:

§ 989.19 Draft EIS.

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(c) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \* Submit requests to deviate from procedures in appendix C to this part to HQ USAF/A7CI for SAF/IEI approval.

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■ 7. In § 989.20, paragraph (a), revise the first sentence to read as follows:

§ 989.20 Final EIS.

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(a) If changes in the draft EIS are minor or limited to factual corrections and responses to comments, the proponent and EPF may, with the prior approval of HQ USAF/A7CI and SAF/IEI, prepare a document containing only comments on the Draft EIS, Air Force responses, and errata sheets of changes staffed to the HQ USAF ESOHC for coordination. \* \* \*

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■ 8. In § 989.21, revise the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 989.21 Record of decision (ROD).

(a) The proponent and the EPF prepare a draft ROD, formally staff it through the MAJCOM EPC, to HQ USAF/A7CI for verification of adequacy, and forwards it to either SAF/IEI or SAF/AQR, as the case may be, for approval and designation of the signator. \* \* \*

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■ 9. § 989.26, revise paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 989.26 Classified actions (40 CFR 1507.3(c)).

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(f) Whenever a proponent believes that EIAP documents should be kept classified, the EPF must make a report of the matter to SAF/IEI, including proposed modifications of the normal EIAP to protect classified information. The EPF may make such submissions at whatever level of security classification is needed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the issues. SAF/IEI, with support from SAF/GC and other staff elements as necessary, makes final decisions on EIAP procedures for classified actions.

■ 10. In § 989.34, revise the last sentence of paragraph (a), and the third

sentence of paragraph (b), to read as follows:

§ 989.34 Special and emergency procedures.

(a) \* \* \* EPFs must forward all requests for procedural deviations to HQ USAF/A7CI (or ANGRG/CEV) for review and approval by SAF/IEI.

(b) \* \* \* If possible, promptly notify HQ USAF/A7CI, for SAF/IEI coordination and CEQ consultation. \* \* \*

■ 11. In § 989.36, revise the first sentence to read as follows:

§ 989.36 [Corrected]

In order to deal with unusual circumstances and to allow growth in the EIAP process, SAF/IEI may grant waivers to those procedures contained in this part not required by NEPA or the CEQ Regulations. \* \* \*

■ 12. In Appendix A to Part 989, add a new entry for "SAF/IEI" to the "Abbreviations and Acronyms" table in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 989—Glossary of References, Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Terms

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Abbreviation or acronym	Definition
SAF/IEI .....	Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2014-0486]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Trent River, New Bern, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Deviation from Drawbridge Regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the US 70/Alfred

C. Cunningham Bridge across the Trent River, mile 0.0, at New Bern, NC. The deviation is necessary to ensure the safety of attendees to the Mumfest celebration. The deviation allows the bridge draw span to open every two hours, on the hour, during the deviation period to accommodate the free movement of pedestrians and vehicles during the annual Mumfest celebration.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on October 11, 2014 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG-2014-0486 is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m.

and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or e-mail Mrs. Jessica Shea, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, telephone (757) 398-6422, email [jessica.c.shea@uscg.mil](mailto:jessica.c.shea@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Event Director for the New Bern Mumfest, with approval from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, owner of the drawbridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating regulations set out in 33 CFR 117.843(a) to accommodate safe passage for pedestrians and vehicles during Mumfest.

The US 70/Alfred C. Cunningham Bridge across the Trent River, mile 0.0, a double bascule lift Bridge, in New Bern, NC, has a vertical clearance in the

closed position of 14 feet, above mean high water. Under the normal operating schedule, the US 70/Alfred C.

Cunningham Bridge would open on signal during this timeframe. However, under this temporary deviation, the drawbridge will only be allowed to open every two hours, on the hour, starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2014; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday, October 12, 2014 to accommodate the New Bern Mumfest.

Vessels able to pass under the closed span may do so. Mariners are advised to proceed with caution. There are no alternate routes for vessels and the bridge will be able to open in the event of an emergency. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: June 11, 2014.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### 39 CFR Part 111

#### Revised Postage and Fee Refund Criteria

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service™ will revise *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) section 604.9 to update the hourly charges and related postage threshold used in assessing certain types of postage refunds and to provide the allowable time periods for requesting refunds for extra service fees.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 28, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Germer, Revenue/Field Accounting, [douglas.g.germer@usps.gov](mailto:douglas.g.germer@usps.gov), 202-268-8522; Karen Key, Director, Shipping Products and Services, [karen.f.key@usps.gov](mailto:karen.f.key@usps.gov), 202-268-7492; or Suzanne Newman,

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Revised Proposal

On January 3, 2014, the Postal Service published a revised notice of proposed rulemaking (79 FR 375-6) to align with current costs the assessments for processing postage refunds that have been in effect since 2003. The Postal Service proposed to update the hourly factor used in refund assessments from \$35.00 an hour to \$50.00 an hour. Additionally, the threshold for assessing postage refunds at the hourly factor would be updated from postage amounts exceeding \$350.00 to postage amounts exceeding \$500.00. The current 10% assessment used below the threshold would remain unchanged.

The Postal Service also proposed to add language to the DMM to provide customers with information on refund time periods for extra service fees to align with the revised claims filing periods (made effective January 26, 2014) to promote timely adjudication. The Postal Service proposed including instructions in the DMM that refund requests for Registered Mail™, Certified Mail®, Signature Confirmation™, USPS Tracking™, Adult Signature services, and insurance fees must be made by the mailer no sooner than 10 days, or more than 60 days, from the date the service was purchased.

Additionally, if these proposed changes were adopted, PS Form 3533, *Application for Refund of Fees, Products and Withdrawal of Customer Accounts*, would be revised to reflect the changes. The proposed rule included a 30-day comment period. After a review of the comments and further analysis, the Postal Service is adopting this final rule as originally proposed with the exception of the proposed change regarding the refund of insurance fees, which has been removed.

##### II. Comments and Responses

The Postal Service received two formal responses to the revised proposed rule of January 3, 2014, one from a mailer and from a PC Postage provider.

The mailer requested that the Postal Service not eliminate the 10% assessment for postage refunds. The 10% will not change, but the threshold at which the 10% assessment changes to an hourly rate, and the hourly rate itself, will both be increased.

The comment from the PC Postage provider referenced certain refund and

appeal assessments which were outside the scope of this rulemaking. The PC Postage provider expressed opposition to the current standards that provide for hourly charges when validating refunds to higher volume (postage refunds for) postage meter users. This commenter stated that these are not the same standards used for PC Postage appeals (when the end-users is denied a postage refund by the PC Postage provider). The commenter continued that processes used to validate refunds from PC Postage appeals should be equivalent to that used for postage meter refunds. This commenter also suggested that the Postal Service relax or eliminate assessments for processing postage refunds and appeals when customers make mistakes in printing postage indicia (and the Postal Service is not at fault). Although these comments fall outside of the scope of this rulemaking, the Postal Service provides the following clarifications:

- The refund assessment amounts in this proposed rule would not revise the current standards for providing PC postage refunds or appeals to adverse rulings by a PC Postage provider. The Postal Service does not make any assessment for postage refunds submitted electronically by PC Postage end-users to their provider within the established filing period(s). This includes postage refunds for unused, dated PC Postage indicia with a package identification code (PIC) made within 30-days from the date of printing and for unused, undated PC Postage without a PIC when made within 60 days from the date of printing.

- The Postal Service expanded the refund period (under DMM 604.9) for items with a package identification code from 10 days to 30 days in a final rule, published June 26, 2013, and effective July 28 (78 FR 38203-19). This effort served to provide customers additional time to reconcile their shipping records and to help reduce the amount of requests for appeals being received beyond the current 10 day refund filing period.

- Based on current records, approximately 75% of PC Postage appeals are submitted to USPS® outside of the established criteria. As a reminder, only the PC Postage *end-user* should submit their appeal to an *adverse provider ruling* on their refund request, made within *the 30-day period* for items associated to a package identification code, and *60-day period* for items not associated to a package identification code. Further, postage refund requests made by the end-user during the established periods are submitted to the provider and not