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(i) Of his or her right to file a concise statement of the reasons for disagreeing with the decision of the agency;

(ii) Of the procedure established by § 700.297 for the filing of the statement of disagreement;

(iii) That the statement which is filed will be made available to anyone to whom the record is subsequently disclosed together with, at the discretion of the Commission, a brief statement by the Commission summarizing its reasons for refusing to amend the record;

(iv) That prior recipients of the challenged record will be provided a copy of any statement of dispute to the extent that an accounting of disclosure was maintained; and

(v) Of his or her right to seek judicial review of the Commission's refusal to amend the record.

(3) If the determination reverses, in whole or in part, the initial decision rejecting the petitioned for amendment, the system manager responsible for the system containing the challenged record shall be directed to:

(i) Amend the challenged record accordingly; and

(ii) If an accounting of disclosure has been made, advise all previous recipients of the record which was amended of the amendment and its substance.

§ 700.297 Statements of disagreement.

(a) *Filing of statements.* If the determination of the Executive Director under § 700.295 rejects in whole or part, a petitioned for amendment, the individual submitting the petition may file with the system manager for the system containing the challenged record, a concise written statement setting forth the reasons for his disagreement with the determination of the Department.

(b) *Disclosure of statements.* In any disclosure of a record containing information about which an individual has filed a statement of disagreement under this section occurring after the filing of the statement, the disputed portion of the record will be clearly noted and the recipient shall be provided copies of the statement of disagreement. If appropriate, a concise statement of the reasons of the Com-

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mission for not making the requested amendments may also be provided to recipient.

Subpart L—Determination of Eligibility, Hearing and Administrative Review (Appeals)

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§ 700.301 Definitions.

(a) Certifying Officer, as used in this subpart, means that member of the Commission staff who certifies eligibility for relocation assistance benefits and/or for life estate leases.

(b) An aggrieved person, as used in this subpart, means a person who has been denied any relocation assistance benefits for which he/she has applied.

§ 700.303 Initial Commission determinations.

(a) Initial Commission Determination concerning individual eligibility or benefits for any person who has filed a claim for benefits or for granting of life estate leases shall be made by the Certifying Officer. The Determination shall include the amount, if any, to which the individual is entitled, and shall state the reasons therefor. Such Determination shall be communicated to the Applicant by certified letter or in person by Commission staff. A record of personal notice shall be maintained by the Commission.

(b) An explanatory conference shall be scheduled by and with the Certifying Officer, if requested by the Applicant or the Certifying Officer, within thirty days of the communication of the Determination; the right to a hearing is not dependent on the holding of such a conference. The Certifying Officer may reverse, amend, or leave standing the Initial Determination as a result of such conference: *Provided, however,* his/her decision shall be communicated in writing to the Applicant by certified letter or in person by Commission staff within five days after such conference.

(c) Communications of Determinations to the Applicant as provided for in § 700.303(a) shall include an explanation of the availability of grievance