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as to any matter which is issued, adopted, or promulgated, and which is required by paragraph (a) of this section to be made available or published.

(1) The index shall be available at the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. Publication of such indices has been determined by the Commission to be unnecessary and impracticable. The indices shall, nonetheless, be provided to any member of the public at a cost not in excess of the direct cost of duplication of any such index upon request therefor.

(2) No final order, opinion, statement of policy, interpretation, or staff manual or instruction that affects any member of the public will be relied upon, used, or cited as precedent by the Commission against any private party unless:

(i) It has been indexed and either made available or published as provided by this subpart; or

(ii) That private party shall have actual and timely notice of the terms thereof.

(d) Duplication of records may be subject to fees as prescribed in subpart E of this part.

§ 503.22 Records available at the Office of the Secretary

(a) The following records will be made available for inspection and copying at the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol St., NW, Washington, DC 20573, without the requirement of a written request. Access to requested records may be delayed if they have been sent to archives.

(1) Proposed and final rules and regulations of the Commission including general substantive rules, statements of policy and interpretations, and rules of practice and procedure.

(2) Reports of decisions (including concurring and dissenting opinions), orders and notices in all formal proceedings.

(3) Official docket files in all formal proceedings including, but not limited to, orders, notices, pertinent correspondence, transcripts, exhibits, and briefs, except for materials which are the subject of a protective order. Copies of transcripts may only be available

from the reporting company contracted by the Commission. Contact the Office of the Secretary for the name and address of this company.

(4) News releases.

(5) Approved summary minutes of Commission actions showing final votes, except for minutes of closed Commission meetings which are not available until the Commission publicly announces the results of such deliberations.

(6) Annual reports of the Commission.

(b) Certain fees may be assessed for duplication of records made available by this section as prescribed in subpart E of this part.

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§ 503.23 Records available upon written request.

(a) The following Commission records are generally available for inspection and copying, without resort to Freedom of Information Act procedures, upon request in writing addressed to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573:

(1) Agreements filed and in effect pursuant to section 5 (46 U.S.C. 40301(d)-(e), 40302-40303, 40305) and 6 (46 U.S.C. 40304, 40306, 41307(b)-(d)) of the Shipping Act of 1984.

(2) Agreements filed under section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. 40301(d)-(e), 40302-40303, 40305) which have been noticed in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(3) Tariff data filed in the Commission's ATFI system prior to May 1, 1999.

(4) List of licensed ocean freight forwarders.

(b) Certain fees may be assessed for duplication of records made available by this section as prescribed in subpart E of this part.

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§ 503.24 Information available via the internet.

(a) The Commission maintains an internet web site. The Commission home page may be found at <http://www.fmc.gov>.

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(b) The following general information, records, and resources are accessible through the home page:

(1) General descriptions of the functions, bureaus, and offices of the Commission, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for Commission officials, as well as locations of Area Representatives;

(2) Information about filing complaints;

(3) Commonly used forms;

(4) A public information handbook describing the types of information available from the Commission and how to access such information;

(5) A Freedom of Information Act Electronic Reading Room which contains:

(i) Copies of final decisions in adjudicatory proceedings issued since November 1, 1996;

(ii) Recently issued final rules and pending proposed rules;

(iii) Access to statements of policy and interpretations as published in part 545 of this chapter; and

(iv) Records created by the Commission since November 1, 1996, and made available under § 503.21, paragraph (a)(4).

(6) Commission regulations as codified in Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

(7) News releases issued by the Commission;

(8) Statements and remarks from the Chairman and Commissioners;

(9) A connection to the Government Information Locator Service maintained by the Government Printing Office, which identifies Commission databases; and

(10) Privacy Act information;

(11) Lists of the location of all common carrier and conference tariffs and publicly available terminal schedules of marine terminal operators; and

(12) A list of licensed ocean transportation intermediaries which have furnished the Commission with evidence of financial responsibility.

(c) Comments or questions regarding the home page should be addressed via e-mail to webmaster@fmc.gov.

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Subpart D—Requests for Records Under the Freedom of Information

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§ 503.31 Records available upon written request under the Freedom of Information Act.

(a) A member of the public may request permission to inspect, copy or be provided with any Commission records not described in subpart C of this part. Such a request must:

(1) Reasonably describe the record or records sought;

(2) Be submitted in writing to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573; and

(3) Be clearly marked on the exterior with the letters “FOIA”.

(b) The Secretary shall evaluate each request in conjunction with the official having responsibility for the subject matter area and the General Counsel, and the Secretary shall determine whether or not to grant the request in accordance with the provisions of this subpart.

(c) In making any record available to a person under this subpart, the Secretary shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the Secretary in that form or format.

(d) Certain fees may be assessed for processing of requests under this subpart as prescribed in subpart E of this part.

§ 503.32 Procedures for responding to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

(a) *Determination to grant or deny request.* Upon request by any member of the public for documents, made in accordance with the rules of this part, the Commission’s Secretary or his or her delegate in his or her absence, shall determine whether or not such request shall be granted.

(1) Such determination shall be made by the Secretary within twenty (20) days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal public holidays) after receipt of such request, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Upon granting a request the Secretary shall promptly make records