#### § 389.3 Definitions.

Act means statutes granting the Secretary authority to regulate motor carrier safety.

Administrator means the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator.

[62 FR 37152, July 11, 1997]

#### §389.5 Regulatory docket.

- (a) Information and data deemed relevant by the Administrator relating to rulemaking actions, including notices of proposed rulemaking; comments received in response to notices; petitions for rulemaking and reconsideration; denials of petitions for rulemaking and reconsideration; records of additional rule making proceedings under §389.25; and final rules are maintained at head-quarters, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- (b) Except for material ordered withheld from the public under section 552(b) of title 5 of the United States Code, any person may examine docketed material in the Department of Transportation Docket Management Facility in the following ways:
- (1) At headquarters at any time during regular business hours. Copies may be obtained upon payment of a fee.
- (2) On the Web site regulations.gov, at any time, by using the uniform resources locator (URL) http://www.regulations.gov. Copies may be downloaded or printed.

[72 FR 55702, Oct. 1, 2007]

#### §389.7 Records.

Records of the Administrator relating to rule making proceedings are available for inspection as provided in section 552(b) of title 5 of the United States Code and part 7 of the regulations of the Secretary of Transportation (part 7 of this title; 32 FR 9284 et seq.).

[35 FR 9209, June 12, 1970, as amended at 53 FR 2036 Jan 26 1988]

### Subpart B—Procedures for Adoption of Rules

#### §389.11 General.

Except as provided in §389.39, Direct final rulemaking procedures, unless

the Administrator, for good cause, finds a rule is impractical, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates such a finding and a brief statement for the reason for it in the rule, a notice of proposed rule-making must be issued, and interested persons are invited to participate in the rulemaking proceedings involving rules under an Act.

[75 FR 29916, May 28, 2010]

#### § 389.13 Initiation of rule making.

The Administrator initiates rule making on his/her own motion. However, in so doing, he/she may, in his/her discretion, consider the recommendations of his/her staff or other agencies of the United States or of other interested persons.

[35 FR 9209, June 12, 1970, as amended at 53 FR 2036, Jan. 26, 1988]

# § 389.15 Contents of notices of proposed rule making.

- (a) Each notice of proposed rule making is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, unless all persons subject to it are named and are personally served with a copy of it.
- (b) Each notice, whether published in the FEDERAL REGISTER or personally served, includes:
- (1) A statement of the time, place, and nature of the proposed rule making proceeding:
- (2) A reference to the authority under which it is issued;
- (3) A description of the subjects and issues involved or the substance and terms of the proposed rule;
- (4) A statement of the time within which written comments must be submitted; and
- (5) A statement of how and to what extent interested persons may participate in the proceeding.

## § 389.17 Participation by interested persons.

(a) Any interested person may participate in rule making proceedings by submitting comments in writing containing information, views, or arguments.