

## Federal Maritime Commission

## § 502.317

### Verification

State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, ss: \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he or she is \_\_\_\_\_, (Title or Position) and is the person who signed the foregoing and agrees without qualification to its truth.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.  
(Seal)

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires. \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Service [See § 502.320]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 79 FR 46715, Aug. 11, 2014, Exhibit No. 2 to Subpart S of Part 502 was amended by removing the reference “Settlement Officer” and adding the reference “Small Claims Officer” in its place, effective Nov. 7, 2014.

### Subpart T—Formal Procedure for Adjudication of Small Claims

#### § 502.311 Applicability.

In the event the respondent elects not to consent to determination of the claim under subpart S of this part, it shall be adjudicated by the administrative law judges of the Commission under procedures set forth in this subpart, if timely filed under § 502.302. The previously assigned Docket Number shall be used except that it shall now be followed by capital “F” instead of “I” in parentheses (See § 502.304(c)). The complaint shall consist of the documents submitted by the claimant under subpart S of this part. [Rule 311.]

#### § 502.312 Answer to complaint.

The respondent shall file with the Commission an answer within twenty-five (25) days of service of the complaint and shall serve a copy of said answer upon complainant. The answer shall admit or deny each matter set forth in the complaint. Matters not specifically denied will be deemed admitted. Where matters are urged in defense, the answer shall be accompanied

by appropriate affidavits, other documents, and memoranda. [Rule 312.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47394, Dec. 4, 1984]

#### § 502.313 Reply of complainant.

Complainant may, within twenty (20) days of service of the answer filed by respondent, file with the Commission and serve upon the respondent a reply memorandum accompanied by appropriate affidavits and supporting documents. [Rule 313.]

#### § 502.314 Additional information.

The administrative law judge may require the submission of additional affidavits, documents, or memoranda from complainant or respondent. [Rule 314.]

#### § 502.315 Request for oral hearing.

In the usual course of disposition of complaints filed under this subpart, no oral hearing will be held, but, the administrative law judge, in his or her discretion, may order such hearing. A request for oral hearing may be incorporated in the answer or in complainant's reply to the answer. Requests for oral hearing will not be entertained unless they set forth in detail the reasons why the filing of affidavits or other documents will not permit the fair and expeditious disposition of the claim, and the precise nature of the facts sought to be proved at such oral hearing. The administrative law judge shall rule upon a request for oral hearing within ten (10) days of its receipt. In the event an oral hearing is ordered, it will be held in accordance with the rules applicable to other formal proceedings, as set forth in subparts A through Q of this part. [Rule 315.]

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#### § 502.316 Intervention.

Intervention will ordinarily not be permitted. [Rule 316.]

#### § 502.317 Oral argument.

No oral argument will be held unless otherwise directed by the administrative law judge. [Rule 317.]