

(1) The full legal name of the shipper receiving service;

(2) A notation of shipper affiliation, if any;

(3) The contract number under which the shipper receives service;

(4) The type of service provided;

(5) Primary receipt point(s);

(6) Primary delivery point(s);

(7) Rates between each pair of points, and;

(8) Other conditions of service deemed relevant by the Gas Service Provider or, alternatively;

(9) A statement of the Gas Service Provider's rules, regulations, and conditions of service that includes:

(i) The rate between each pair of receipt and delivery points, if point-to-point rates are charged;

(ii) The rate per unit per mile, if mileage-based rates are charged;

(iii) Any other rate employed by the Gas Service Provider, with a detailed description of how such rate is derived, identifying customers and the rate charged to each customer;

(iv) Any adjustments made by the Gas Service Provider to the rates charged based on gas volumes shipped, the conditions of service, or other criteria, identifying customers and the rate adjustment applicable to each customer.

§ 330.3 Applicability of reporting requirements.

(a) The § 330.2(a) and (b) reporting requirements do not apply with respect to:

(1) A Gas Service Provider that serves exclusively a single entity (either itself or one other party), until such time as the Gas Service Provider agrees to serve a second shipper, or the Commission determines that the Gas Service Provider's denial of a request for service is unjustified, and the shipper denied service contests the denial;

(2) A Gas Service Provider that serves exclusively shippers with ownership interests in both the pipeline operated by the Gas Service Provider and the gas produced from a field or fields connected to a single pipeline, until such time as the Gas Service Provider offers to serve a non-owner shipper, or the Commission determines that the Gas Service Provider's denial of a request for service is unjustified, and the shipper denied service contests the denial;

(3) Services rendered over facilities that feed into a facility where natural gas is first collected, separated, dehydrated, or otherwise processed; and

(4) Gas Service Providers' facilities and services regulated by the Commission under the Natural Gas Act.

(b) A Gas Service Provider that makes no filing pursuant to § 330.3(a)(1) must

comply with the specified reporting requirements within 90 days of agreeing to serve a new shipper or when required by the Commission.

(c) When a Gas Service Provider subject to these reporting requirements alters its affiliates, customers, rates, conditions of service, or facilities, within any calendar quarter, it must then file with the Commission, on the first business day of the subsequent quarter, a revised § 330.2 report describing the status of its services and facilities as of the first day of the previous quarter.

PART 385—RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

2. Part 385 is amended as follows:

3. The authority citation for Part 385 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 551–557; 15 U.S.C. 717–717z, 3301–3432; 16 U.S.C. 791a–8225r, 2601–2645; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 7101–7352; 49 U.S.C. 60502; 49 App. U.S.C. 1–85 (1988).

4. In § 385.2011, new paragraph (b)(6) is added to read as follows:

§ 385.2011 Procedures for filing on electronic media (Rule 2011).

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(b) * * *

(6) Material submitted electronically pursuant to § 330.2 of this chapter.

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Note: The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix

List of Commenters

Brooklyn Union Gas Company
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company
Coastal Field Services Company
Duke Energy Companies
Dynergy Midstream Services, Limited Partnership
El Paso Energy Corporation
Enron Interstate Pipelines
Leviathan Gas Pipeline Partners, L.P.
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Natural Gas Supply Association
OCS Producers
Producer Coalition
United States Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service
Williams Companies, Inc.
Tejas Offshore Pipeline, LLC

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 220

RIN 3220–AB42

Determining Disability

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) hereby amends its disability regulations to discontinue the current policy of conducting continuing disability reviews (CDR's) for medical recovery of disability annuitants in medical improvement not expected (MINE) cases. The Board has found that these reviews have not been cost effective and impose an unnecessary burden on the annuitant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule will be effective May 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marguerite P. Dadabo, Senior Attorney, (312) 751–4945, TDD (312) 751–4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board conducts continuing disability reviews (CDRs) to determine whether or not a disability annuitant continues to meet the disability requirements contained in the Railroad Retirement Act and, in some cases, the Social Security Act. Payment of cash benefits based on disability ends if the medical or other evidence shows that the annuitant is no longer disabled under the standards set out in the Railroad Retirement Act or, for some benefits, the Social Security Act. Section 220.186 of the regulations of the Board provides when and how often the Board will conduct a CDR. This rulemaking would amend § 220.186(d) to discontinue the Board's current policy of conducting a CDR in cases where medical improvement is not expected (MINE). The current regulation requires a review no less frequently than once every 7 years but no more frequently than once every 5 years in MINE cases. The Board's CDR of MINE cases has not proved cost effective. For fiscal years 1995 through 1997 the Board conducted 552 MINE exams; however, in only 1 case did the evidence merit termination of the annuity. For fiscal years 1998 and 1999, 300 MINE reviews were conducted with no annuity terminations. Such results, in the Board's view, do not justify continuation of this program. Consequently, the Board proposes to cease routine continuing disability review in these cases. The cessation will be of routine reviews only. These cases

will still be reviewed for continuing eligibility: If the beneficiary returns to work and successfully completes a trial work period; if substantial earnings are posted to the beneficiary's earnings record; or if information is received either from the annuitant or a reliable source that the annuitant has recovered or returned to work, or that a review is otherwise warranted.

The Board published this rule as a proposed rule on November 18, 1999, and invited comments by January 18, 2000. No comments were received. The Board, with the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget, has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action for purposes of Executive Order 12866. Therefore, no regulatory analysis is required. There are no information collections associated with this rule.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 220.186

Disability benefits, Railroad employees; Railroad retirement.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Railroad Retirement Board amends title 20, chapter II, part 220 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 220—DETERMINING DISABILITY

1. The authority citation for part 220 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 45 U.S.C. 231a; 45 U.S.C. 231f.

§ 220.186 When and how often the Board will conduct a continuing disability review. [Amended]

2. In § 220.186, paragraph (b)(2), remove the phrase “(medical improvement possible or medical improvement not expected)”, and paragraph (d), remove the fourth sentence which reads: “If the annuitant's disability is considered permanent, the Board will review the annuitant's continuing eligibility for benefits no less frequently than once every 7 years but no more frequently than once every 5 years.”, and add in its place “If no medical improvement is expected in the annuitant's impairment(s), the Board will not routinely review the annuitant's continuing eligibility.”

Dated: April 6, 2000.

By Authority of the Board.

For the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

National Reconnaissance Office

32 CFR Part 326

National Reconnaissance Office Privacy Act Program

AGENCY: National Reconnaissance Office, DOD

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule establishes the National Reconnaissance Office Privacy Act Program. This rule establishes policies and procedures for implementing the NRO Privacy Program, and delegates authorities and assigns responsibilities for the administration of the NRO Privacy Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: National Reconnaissance Office, Information Access and Release Center, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Freimann at (703) 808-5029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule for the NRO Privacy Act Program was published on January 19, 2000, at 65 FR 2912. No comments were received, therefore, the rule is being adopted as a final rule.

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review

It has been determined that 32 CFR part 326 is not a significant regulatory action. The rule does not:

- (1) Have an annual effect to the economy of \$100 million or more; or adversely affect in a material way the economy; a section of the economy; productivity; competition; jobs; the environment; public health or safety; or state, local, or tribal governments or communities;
- (2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another Agency;
- (3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof;
- (4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

Public Law 96-354, Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601)

It has been certified that this rule is not subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601) because it would not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Public Law 96-511, Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)

It has been certified that this part does not impose any reporting or record keeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 326

Privacy.

Accordingly, Title 32 of the CFR is amended in Chapter I, subchapter O, by adding part 326 to read as follows:

PART 326—NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE PRIVACY ACT PROGRAM

- Sec.
- 326.1 Purpose.
 - 326.2 Application.
 - 326.3 Definitions.
 - 326.4 Policy.
 - 326.5 Responsibilities.
 - 326.6 Policies for processing requests for records.
 - 326.7 Procedures for collection.
 - 326.8 Procedures for requesting access.
 - 326.9 Procedures for disclosure of requested records.
 - 326.10 Procedures to appeal denial of access to requested record.
 - 326.11 Special procedures for disclosure of medical and psychological records.
 - 326.12 Procedures to request amendment or correction of record.
 - 326.13 Procedures to appeal denial of amendment.
 - 326.14 Disclosure of record to person other than subject.
 - 326.15 Fees.
 - 326.16 Penalties.
 - 326.17 Exemptions.

Authority: Pub. L. 93-579, 88 Stat 1896 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

§ 326.1 Purpose.

This part implements the basic policies and procedures outlined in the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), and 32 CFR part 310; and establishes the National Reconnaissance Office Privacy Program (NRO) by setting policies and procedures for the collection and disclosure of information maintained in records on individuals, the handling of requests for amendment or correction of such records, appeal and review of NRO decisions on these matters, and the application of exemptions.

§ 326.2 Application.

Obligations under this part apply to all employees detailed, attached, or assigned to or authorized to act as agents of the National Reconnaissance Office. The provisions of this part shall be made applicable by contract or other legally binding action to government contractors whenever a contract is let for the operation of a system of records or a portion of a system of records.