

PART 2590—RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GROUP HEALTH PLANS

■ 1. The authority for part 2590 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1027, 1059, 1135, 1161–1168, 1169, 1181–1183, 1181 note, 1185, 1185a, 1185b, 1191, 1191a, 1191b, and 1191c, sec. 101(g), Pub. L. 104–191, 101 Stat. 1936; sec. 401(b), Pub. L. 105–200, 112 Stat. 645 (42 U.S.C. 651 note); Secretary of Labor's Order 1–2003, 68 FR 5374 (Feb. 3, 2003).

§ 2590.712 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend § 2590.712 (f)(1), (g)(2), and (i) by removing the date “December 31, 2005” and add in its place the date “December 31, 2006” wherever it appears in these paragraphs.

Signed at Washington, DC this 15th day of March, 2006.

Ann L. Combs,

Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

49 CFR Part 1002

[STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 13)]

Regulations Governing Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services—2006 Update

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Board adopts its 2006 User Fee Update and revises its fee schedule to recover the costs associated with the January 2006 Government salary increases and to reflect changes in overhead costs to the Board.

DATES: *Effective Date:* These rules are effective April 19, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David T. Groves, (202) 565–1551, or Anne Quinlan, (202) 565–1727. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board's regulations at 49 CFR 1002.3 require that the Board's user fee schedule be updated annually. The regulation at 49 CFR 1002.3(a) provides that the entire fee schedule or selected fees can be modified more than once a year, if necessary. Fees are revised based on the cost study formula set forth at 49 CFR 1002.3(d).

Because Board employees received a salary increase of 3.44% in January

2006, the Board is updating its user fees to recover the increased personnel costs. With certain exceptions, all fees, including those adopted or amended in *Regulations Governing Fees For Services Performed In Connection With Licensing And Related Services—2002 New Fees*, STB Ex Parte No. 542 (Sub-No. 4) (STB served Mar. 29, 2004) will be updated based on the cost formula contained in 49 CFR 1002.3(d). In addition, changes to the overhead costs borne by the Board are reflected in the revised fee schedule.

The fee increases adopted here result from the mechanical application of the update formula in 49 CFR 1002.3(d), which was adopted through notice and comment procedures in *Regulations Governing Fees for Services—1987 Update*, 4 I.C.C.2d 137 (1987). No new fees are being proposed in this proceeding. Therefore, the Board finds that notice and comment are unnecessary for this proceeding. See *Regulations Governing Fees For Services—1990 Update*, 7 I.C.C.2d 3 (1990); *Regulations Governing Fees For Services—1991 Update*, 8 I.C.C.2d 13 (1991); and *Regulations Governing Fees For Services—1993 Update*, 9 I.C.C.2d 855 (1993).

The Board concludes that the fee changes adopted here will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the Board's regulations provide for waiver of filing fees for those entities that can make the required showing of financial hardship.

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To obtain a free copy of the full decision, visit the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov> or call the Board's Information Officer at (202) 565–1500. To purchase a copy of the decision, write to, call, e-mail, or pick up in person from ASAP Document Solutions, 9332 Annapolis Road, Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706, (202) 306–4004, asapdc@verizon.net. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through Federal Information Relay Services (FIRS): (800) 877–8339.]

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1002

Administrative practice and procedure, Common carriers, Freedom of information, User fees.

Decided: March 13, 2006.

By the Board, Chairman Buttrey and Vice Chairman Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, title 49, chapter X, part 1002, of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 1002—FEES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1002 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and 553; 31 U.S.C. 9701 and 49 U.S.C. 721(a).

■ 2. Section 1002.1 is amended by revising paragraphs (a), (b), (d) and (f)(1); and the table in paragraph (g)(6) and paragraph (g)(7) to read as follows:

§ 1002.1 Fees for record search, review, copying, certification, and related services.

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(a) Certificate of the Secretary, \$14.00.

(b) Service involved in examination of tariffs or schedules for preparation of certified copies of tariffs or schedules or extracts therefrom at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.

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(d) Photocopies of tariffs, reports, and other public documents, at the rate of \$1.20 per letter or legal size exposure. A minimum charge of \$6.00 will be made for this service.

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(1) A fee of \$62.00 per hour for professional staff time will be charged when it is required to fulfill a request for ADP data.

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Grade	Rate
GS-1	\$10.43
GS-2	11.36
GS-3	12.80
GS-4	14.37
GS-5	16.08
GS-6	17.92
GS-7	19.91
GS-8	22.05
GS-9	24.36
GS-10	26.82
GS-11	29.47
GS-12	35.32
GS-13	42.00
GS-14	49.64
GS-15 and over	58.39

(7) The fee for photocopies shall be \$1.20 per letter or legal size exposure with a minimum charge of \$6.00.

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■ 3. In § 1002.2, paragraph (f) is revised as follows:

§ 1002.2 Filing fees.

(a) * * *

(f) *Schedule of filing fees.*

Type of proceeding	Fee
PART I: Non-Rail Applications or Proceedings to Enter Upon a Particular Financial Transaction or Joint Arrangement:	
(1) An application for the pooling or division of traffic	\$3,700
(2)(i) An application involving the purchase, lease, consolidation, merger, or acquisition of control of a motor carrier of passengers under 49 U.S.C. 14303.	1,700
(ii) A petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 13541 (other than a rulemaking) filed by a non-rail carrier not otherwise covered.	2,700
(iii) A petition to revoke an exemption filed under 49 U.S.C. 13541(d)	2,200
(3) An application for approval of a non-rail rate association agreement. 49 U.S.C. 13703	23,300
(4) An application for approval of an amendment to a non-rail rate association agreement:	
(i) Significant amendment	3,900
(ii) Minor amendment	80
(5) An application for temporary authority to operate a motor carrier of passengers. 49 U.S.C. 14303(i)	400
(6) A notice of exemption for transaction within a motor passenger corporate family that does not result in adverse changes in service levels, significant operational changes, or a change in the competitive balance with motor passenger carriers outside the corporate family.	1,400
(7)–(10) [Reserved]	
PART II: Rail Licensing Proceedings other than Abandonment or Discontinuance Proceedings:	
(11)(i) An application for a certificate authorizing the extension, acquisition, or operation of lines of railroad. 49 U.S.C. 10901.	6,100
(ii) Notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31–1150.35	1,500
(iii) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502	10,600
(12)(i) An application involving the construction of a rail line	62,900
(ii) A notice of exemption involving construction of a rail line under 49 CFR 1150.36	1,500
(iii) A petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 involving construction of a rail line	62,900
(iv) A request for determination of a dispute involving a rail construction that crosses the line of another carrier under 49 U.S.C. 10902(d).	200
(13) A Feeder Line Development Program application filed under 49 U.S.C. 10907(b)(1)(A)(i) or 10907(b)(1)(A)(ii)	2,600
(14)(i) An application of a class II or class III carrier to acquire an extended or additional rail line under 49 U.S.C. 10902.	5,200
(ii) Notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41–1150.45	1,500
(iii) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 relating to an exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10902	5,600
(15) A notice of a modified certificate of public convenience and necessity under 49 CFR 1150.21–1150.24	1,400
(16)–(20) [Reserved]	
PART III: Rail Abandonment or Discontinuance of Transportation Services Proceedings:	
(21)(i) An application for authority to abandon all or a portion of a line of railroad or discontinue operation thereof filed by a railroad (except applications filed by Consolidated Rail Corporation pursuant to the Northeast Rail Service Act [Subtitle E of Title XI of Pub. L. 97–35], bankrupt railroads, or exempt abandonments).	18,700
(ii) Notice of an exempt abandonment or discontinuance under 49 CFR 1152.50	3,100
(iii) A petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502	5,300
(22) An application for authority to abandon all or a portion of a line of a railroad or operation thereof filed by Consolidated Rail Corporation pursuant to Northeast Rail Service Act.	400
(23) Abandonments filed by bankrupt railroads	1,600
(24) A request for waiver of filing requirements for abandonment application proceedings	1,500
(25) An offer of financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. 10904 relating to the purchase of or subsidy for a rail line proposed for abandonment.	1,300
(26) A request to set terms and conditions for the sale of or subsidy for a rail line proposed to be abandoned	19,100
(27)(i) A request for a trail use condition in an abandonment proceeding under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d)	200
(ii) A request to extend the period to negotiate a trail use agreement	350
(28)–(35) [Reserved]	
PART IV: Rail Applications to Enter Upon a Particular Financial Transaction or Joint Arrangement:	
(36) An application for use of terminal facilities or other applications under 49 U.S.C. 11102	16,000
(37) An application for the pooling or division of traffic. 49 U.S.C. 11322	8,600
(38) An application for two or more carriers to consolidate or merge their properties or franchises (or a part thereof) into one corporation for ownership, management, and operation of the properties previously in separate ownership. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction	1,257,600
(ii) Significant transaction	251,500
(iii) Minor transaction	6,500
(iv) Notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)	1,400
(v) Responsive application	6,500
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502	7,900
(vii) A request for waiver or clarification of regulations filed in a major financial proceeding as defined at 49 CFR 1180.2(a).	4,600
(39) An application of a non-carrier to acquire control of two or more carriers through ownership of stock or otherwise. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction	1,257,600
(ii) Significant transaction	251,500
(iii) Minor transaction	6,500
(iv) A notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)	1,100
(v) Responsive application	6,500
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502	7,900
(vii) A request for waiver or clarification of regulations filed in a major financial proceeding as defined at 49 CFR 1180.2(a).	4,600

Type of proceeding	Fee
(40) An application to acquire trackage rights over, joint ownership in, or joint use of any railroad lines owned and operated by any other carrier and terminals incidental thereto. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction	1,257,600
(ii) Significant transaction	251,500
(iii) Minor transaction	6,500
(iv) Notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)	1,000
(v) Responsive application	6,500
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502	7,900
(vii) A request for waiver or clarification of regulations filed in a major financial proceeding as defined at 49 CFR 1180.2(a).	4,600
(41) An application of a carrier or carriers to purchase, lease, or contract to operate the properties of another, or to acquire control of another by purchase of stock or otherwise. 49 U.S.C. 11324:	
(i) Major transaction	1,257,600
(ii) Significant transaction	251,500
(iii) Minor transaction	6,500
(iv) Notice of an exempt transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)	1,200
(v) Responsive application	6,500
(vi) Petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502	5,600
(vii) A request for waiver or clarification of regulations filed in a major financial proceeding as defined at 49 CFR 1180.2(a).	4,600
(42) Notice of a joint project involving relocation of a rail line under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(5)	2,000
(43) An application for approval of a rail rate association agreement. 49 U.S.C. 10706	58,800
(44) An application for approval of an amendment to a rail rate association agreement. 49 U.S.C. 10706:	
(i) Significant amendment	10,900
(ii) Minor amendment	80
(45) An application for authority to hold a position as officer or director under 49 U.S.C. 11328	650
(46) A petition for exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502 (other than a rulemaking) filed by rail carrier not otherwise covered.	6,700
(47) National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) conveyance proceeding under 45 U.S.C. 562	200
(48) National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) compensation proceeding under Section 402(a) of the Rail Passenger Service Act.	200
(49)–(55) [Reserved]	
PART V: Formal Proceedings:	
(56) A formal complaint alleging unlawful rates or practices of carriers:	
(i) A formal complaint filed under the coal rate guidelines (Stand-Alone Cost Methodology) alleging unlawful rates and/or practices of rail carriers under 49 U.S.C. 10704(c)(1).	140,600
(ii) A formal complaint involving rail maximum rates filed under the small rate case procedures	150
(iii) All other formal complaints (except competitive access complaints)	13,900
(iv) Competitive access complaints	150
(v) A request for an order compelling a rail carrier to establish a common carrier rate	200
(57) A complaint seeking or a petition requesting institution of an investigation seeking the prescription or division of joint rates or charges. 49 U.S.C. 10705.	7,400
(58) A petition for declaratory order:	
(i) A petition for declaratory order involving a dispute over an existing rate or practice which is comparable to a complaint proceeding.	1,000
(ii) All other petitions for declaratory order	1,400
(59) An application for shipper antitrust immunity. 49 U.S.C. 10706(a)(5)(A)	5,900
(60) Labor arbitration proceedings	200
(61)(i) An appeal of a Surface Transportation Board decision on the merits or petition to revoke an exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(d).	200
(ii) An appeal of a Surface Transportation Board decision on procedural matters except discovery rulings	300
(62) Motor carrier undercharge proceedings	200
(63)(i) Expedited relief for service inadequacies: A request for expedited relief under 49 U.S.C. 11123 and 49 CFR part 1146 for service emergency.	200
(ii) Expedited relief for service inadequacies: A request for temporary relief under 49 U.S.C. 10705 and 11102, and 49 CFR part 1147 for service inadequacies.	200
(64) A request for waiver or clarification of regulations except one filed in an abandonment or discontinuance proceeding, or in a major financial proceeding as defined at 49 CFR 1180.2(a).	500
(65)–(75) [Reserved]	
PART VI: Informal Proceedings:	
(76) An application for authority to establish released value rates or ratings for motor carriers and freight forwarders of household goods under 49 U.S.C. 14706.	1,000
(77) An application for special permission for short notice or the waiver of other tariff publishing requirements	100
(78) The filing of tariffs, including supplements, or contract summaries	\$1 per page (\$20 minimum charge).
(79) Special docket applications from rail and water carriers:	
(i) Applications involving \$25,000 or less	50
(ii) Applications involving over \$25,000	100
(80) Informal complaint about rail rate applications	500
(81) Tariff reconciliation petitions from motor common carriers:	
(i) Petitions involving \$25,000 or less	50
(ii) Petitions involving over \$25,000	100
(82) Request for a determination of the applicability or reasonableness of motor carrier rates under 49 U.S.C. 13710(a)(2) and (3).	200

Type of proceeding	Fee
(83) Filing of documents for recordation. 49 U.S.C. 11301 and 49 CFR 1177.3(c)	\$34 per document.
(84) Informal opinions about rate applications (all modes)	200
(85) A railroad accounting interpretation	950
(86)(i) A request for an informal opinion not otherwise covered	1,200
(ii) A proposal to use on a voting trust agreement pursuant to 49 CFR 1013 and 49 CFR 1180.4(b)(4)(iv) in connection with a major control proceeding as defined at 49 CFR 1180.2(a).	4,300
(iii) A request for an informal opinion on a voting trust agreement pursuant to 49 CFR 1013.3(a) not otherwise covered.	400
(87) Arbitration of Certain Disputes Subject to the Statutory Jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board under 49 CFR 1108:	
(i) Complaint	75
(ii) Answer (per defendant), Unless Declining to Submit to Any Arbitration	75
(iii) Third Party Complaint	75
(iv) Third Party Answer (per defendant), Unless Declining to Submit to Any Arbitration	75
(v) Appeals of Arbitration Decisions or Petitions to Modify or Vacate an Arbitration Award	150
(88) Basic fee for STB adjudicatory services not otherwise covered	200
(89)–(95) [Reserved]	
PART VII: Services:	
(96) Messenger delivery of decision to a railroad carrier's Washington, DC, agent	\$27 per delivery.
(97) Request for service or pleading list for proceedings	\$20 per list.
(98) Processing the paperwork related to a request for the Carload Waybill Sample to be used in a Surface Transportation Board or State proceeding that:	
(i) Does not require a Federal Register notice:	
(a) Set cost portion	100
(b) Sliding cost portion	\$39 per party.
(ii) Does require a Federal Register notice:	
(a) Set cost portion	350
(b) Sliding cost portion	\$39 per party.
(99)(i) Application fee for the Surface Transportation Board's Practitioners' Exam	150
(ii) Practitioners' Exam Information Package	25
(100) Uniform Railroad Costing System (URCS) software and information:	
(i) Initial PC version URCS Phase III software program and manual	50
(ii) Updated URCS PC version Phase III cost file—per year	\$25 per year.
(iii) Public requests for <i>Source Codes</i> to the PC version URCS Phase III	100
(101) Carload Waybill Sample data on recordable compact disk (R-CD):	
(i) Requests for Public Use File on R-CD—per year	\$250 per year.
(ii) Waybill—Surface Transportation Board or State proceedings on R-CD—per year	\$500 per year.
(iii) User Guide for latest available Carload Waybill Sample	50
(iv) Specialized programming for Waybill requests to the Board	\$93 per hour.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 660****[Docket No. 050426117-5117-01; I.D. 031406F]****Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action - #1 - Adjustment of the Commercial and Recreational Fisheries from Cape Falcon, Oregon, to Point Sur, California**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the closure of several commercial and recreational fisheries in areas extending from Cape Falcon, OR, to Point Sur, CA by inseason action. The recently developed preseason forecast for Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC) is low such that the expected return in 2006 is significantly less than the 35,000 natural spawner escapement floor established in the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP). All other regulations remain in effect as announced in the 2005 annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries. This action is necessary to conform to the conservation objectives specified in the FMP.

DATES: Openings scheduled for commercial salmon fisheries in the Newport, Coos Bay, OR, Klamath Management Zone (KMZ), and Fort Bragg, CA, management areas identified below are closed effective 0001 hours local time (l.t.) March 15, 2006, until 2359 hours l.t., on April 30, 2006. The

recreational salmon fisheries scheduled to open in the San Francisco, CA, management area, and in the area from Pigeon Point to Point Sur, CA, effective 0001 hours l.t., April 1, 2006, until 2359 hours l.t., April 30, 2006 are closed. The recreational fishery opening in the area from Point Sur, CA, to the U.S.-Mexico Border will open as scheduled on April 1, 2006. Comments must be received no later than April 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments on these actions must be mailed to D. Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; or faxed to 206-526-6376; or Rod McInnis, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4132; or faxed to 562-980-4018. Comments can also be submitted via e-mail at the 2006salmonIA1.nwr@noaa.gov address, or through the internet at the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments,