

Broadcasting Board of Governors

§ 512.22

(10) That final decision on the hearing will be issued not later than 60 days after the filing of the petition for hearing unless the employee requests and the hearing officer grants a delay in the proceedings.

(11) That knowingly false, misleading, or frivolous statements, representations or evidence may subject the employee to:

(i) Disciplinary procedures under chapter 75 of title 5, United States Code or any other applicable statutes;

(ii) Penalties under the False Claims Act, sections 3729–3731 of title 31 U.S.C. or any other applicable statutes.

(iii) Criminal penalties under sections 286, 287, 1001, 1002 of title 18 United States Code or any other applicable statutes.

(12) Any other rights or remedies available to the employee, including representation by counsel or his respective bargaining unit, under the statutes or regulations governing the program for which collection is being made.

(13) That amounts paid on or deducted for the debts that are later waived or found not owed to the United States will be promptly refunded to the employee.

(b) Notifications under this section shall be hand delivered with a record made of the delivery, or shall be mailed certified mail with return receipt requested.

(c) No notification hearing, written responses or final decisions under this regulation are required of Broadcasting Board of Governors for any adjustment to pay arising from an employee's election of coverage under a Federal benefit program requiring periodic deductions from pay, if the amount to be recovered was accumulated over four pay periods or less.

§ 512.21 Hearing.

(a) *Petition for hearing.* (1) A hearing may be requested by filing a written petition with the Director, Financial Operations Division of Broadcasting Board of Governors, or such other official as may be named in the future by the Director of Broadcasting Board of Governors, stating why the employee believes the Board's determination of

the existence or amount of the debt is in error.

(2) The petition must be signed by the employee and fully identify and explain with reasonable specificity all the facts, evidence and witnesses which the employee believes support his or her position.

(3) The petition must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the notification under § 512.20(b) was hand delivered or the date of delivery by certified mail.

(4) Where petition is received after the 15 calendar day limit, Broadcasting Board of Governors will accept the petition if the employee can show that the delay was beyond his or her control or because of failure to receive notice.

(5) If the petition is not filed within the time limit, and is not accepted pursuant to paragraph (a)(4) of this section, the employee's right to hearing will be considered waived, and salary offset will be implemented.

(b) *Type of hearing.* (1) The form and content of the hearing will be determined by the hearing official who shall be a person outside the control or authority of Broadcasting Board of Governors.

(2) The employee may represent him or herself, or may be represented by counsel.

(3) The hearing official shall maintain a summary record of the hearing.

(4) The hearing official will prepare a written decision which will state:

(i) The facts purported to evidence nature and origin of the alleged debt;

(ii) The hearing official's analysis, findings, and conclusions relative to:

(A) The employee's and/or the Board's grounds;

(B) The amount and the validity of the alleged debt;

(C) The repayment schedule, if applicable.

(5) The decision of the hearing official shall constitute the final administrative decision of the Board.

§ 512.22 Deduction from pay.

(a) Deduction by salary offset, from an employee's disposable current pay, shall be subject to the following circumstances:

(1) When funds are available, the Board will collect debts owed the