

the Act. The record shall be maintained contemporaneously with each actual filing in the record. It shall be divided into public and nonpublic sections. The Secretary shall also maintain a contemporaneous index of all materials filed in the record. All material properly filed with the Secretary shall be placed in the record. The Commission need not consider in its determinations or include in the record any material that is not filed with the Secretary. All material which is placed in the record shall be maintained in the public record, with the exception of material which is privileged, or which is business proprietary information submitted in accordance with §201.6 of this chapter. Privileged and business proprietary material shall be maintained in the nonpublic record.

(b) *Audits.* The Commission may in its discretion verify information received in the course of an investigation. To the extent a verification results in new or different information, the Commission shall place such information on the record.

(c) *Materials provided by the administering authority.* Materials received by the Commission from the administering authority shall be placed on the Commission's record and shall be designated by the Commission as public or nonpublic in conformity with the applicable designation of the administering authority. Any requests to the Commission either to permit access to such materials or to release such materials shall be referred to the administering authority for its advice.

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§ 207.5 Ex parte meetings.

There shall be included in the record of each investigation a record of ex parte meetings as required by section 777(a)(3) of the Act. The record of each ex parte meeting shall include the identity of the persons present at the meeting, the date, time, and place of the meeting, and a summary of the matters discussed or submitted.

§ 207.6 Reports of progress of investigation.

The Secretary shall upon the request of a party inform the parties to an in-

vestigation of the progress of that investigation. No such progress report, however, shall be issued by the Secretary less than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of commencement of an investigation by notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, nor shall the Secretary be required to issue a report on the progress of any investigation less than thirty (30) days after the date of issuance of the previous such report with respect to the same investigation. A report shall be limited to a statement of what official actions the Commission has taken since the previous such report, if any.

§ 207.7 Limited disclosure of certain business proprietary information under administrative protective order.

(a)(1) *Disclosure.* Upon receipt of a timely application filed by an authorized applicant, as defined in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, which describes in general terms the information requested, and sets forth the reasons for the request (*e.g.*, all business proprietary information properly disclosed pursuant to this section for the purpose of representing an interested party in investigations pending before the Commission), the Secretary shall make available all business proprietary information contained in Commission memoranda and reports and in written submissions filed with the Commission at any time during the investigation (except nondisclosable confidential business information) to the authorized applicant under an administrative protective order described in paragraph (b) of this section. The term "business proprietary information" has the same meaning as the term "confidential business information" as defined in §201.6 of this chapter.

(2) *Application.* An application under paragraph (a)(1) of this section must be made by an authorized applicant on a form adopted by the Secretary or a photocopy thereof. An application on behalf of a petitioner, a respondent, or another party must be made no later than the time that entries of appearance are due pursuant to §201.11 of this chapter. In the event that two or more