

(d) While FMCS encourages the publication of arbitration awards, arbitrators should not publicize awards if objected to by one of the parties.

§ 1404.15 Fees and charges of arbitrators.

(a) FMCS will charge all arbitrators an annual fee to be listed on the Roster. All arbitrators listed on the Roster may charge a per diem and other predetermined fees for services, if the amount of such fees have been provided in advance to FMCS. Each arbitrator's maximum per diem and other fees are set forth on a biographical sketch which is sent to the parties when panels are submitted. The arbitrators shall not change any fee or add charges without giving at least 30 days advance written notice to FMCS. Arbitrators with dual business addresses must bill the parties for expenses from the least expensive business address to the hearing site.

(b) In cases involving unusual amounts of time and expenses relative to the pre-hearing and post-hearing administration of a particular case, an administrative charge may be made by the arbitrator.

(c) Arbitrators shall divulge all charges to the parties and obtain agreement thereto immediately after appointment.

(d) The OAS requests that it be notified of any arbitrator's deviation from the policies expressed in this part. While the OAS does not resolve individual fee disputes, repeated complaints concerning the fees charged by an arbitrator will be brought to the attention of the Arbitrator Review Board for consideration. Similarly, repeated complaints by arbitrators concerning non-payment of fees by the parties may lead to the denial of services or other actions by the OAS.

§ 1404.16 Reports and biographical sketches.

(a) Arbitrators listed on the Roster shall execute and return all documents, forms and reports required by the OAS. They shall also keep the OAS informed of changes of address, telephone number, availability, and of any business or other connection or relationship which involves labor-management relations

or which creates or gives the appearance of advocacy as defined in § 1404.5(c)(1).

(b) The OAS will provide biographical sketches on each person admitted to the Roster from information supplied by applicants. Arbitrators may request revision of biographical information at later dates to reflect changes in fees, the existence of additional charges, or other relevant data. The OAS reserves the right to decide and approve the format and content of biographical sketches.

Subpart D—Expedited Arbitration

SOURCE: 62 FR 48949, Sept. 18, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1404.17 Policy

In an effort to reduce the time and expense of some grievance arbitrators, FMCS is offering expedited procedures that may be appropriate in certain non-precedential cases or those that do not involve complex or unique issues. Expedited Arbitration is intended to be a mutually agreed upon process whereby arbitrator appointments, hearings and awards are acted upon quickly by the parties, FMCS, and the arbitrators. The process is streamlined by mandating short deadlines and eliminating requirements for transcripts, briefs and lengthy opinions.

§ 1404.18 Procedures for requesting expedited panels.

(a) With the excepting of the specific changes noted in this Subpart, all FMCS rules and regulations governing its arbitration services shall apply to Expedited Arbitration.

(b) Upon receipt of a joint Request for Arbitration Panel (Form R-43) indicating that expedited services are desired by both parties, the OAS will require a panel of arbitrators.

(c) A panel of arbitrators submitted by the OAS in expedited cases shall be valid for up to 30 days. Only one panel will be submitted per case. If the parties are unable to mutually agree upon an arbitrator or if prioritized selections are not received from both parties within 30 days, the OAS will make a direct appointment of an arbitrator not on the original panel.

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(d) If the parties mutually select an arbitrator, but the arbitrator is not available, the parties may select a second name from the same panel or the OAS will make a direct appointment of another arbitrator not listed on the original panel.

§ 1404.19 Arbitration process.

(a) Once notified of the expedited case appointment by the OAS, the arbitrator must contact the parties within seven (7) calendar days.

(b) The parties and the arbitrator must attempt to schedule a hearing within 30 days of the appointment date.

(c) Absent mutual agreement, all hearings will be concluded within one day. No transcripts of the proceedings will be made and the filing of post-hearing briefs will not be allowed.

(d) All awards must be completed within seven (7) working days from the hearing. These awards are expected to be brief, concise, and not required extensive written opinion or research time.

§ 1404.20 Arbitrator eligibility.

In an effort to increase exposure for new arbitrators, those arbitrators who have been listed on the Roster of Arbitrators for a period of five (5) years or less will be automatically placed on expedited panels submitted to the parties. However, all panels will also contain the names of at least two more senior arbitrators. In addition, the parties may jointly request a larger pool of arbitrators or a direct appointment of their choice who is listed on the Roster.

§ 1404.21 Proper use of expedited arbitration.

(a) FMCS reserves the right to cease honoring request for Expedited Arbitration if a pattern of misuse of this becomes apparent. Misuse may be indicated by the parties' frequent delay of the process or referral of inappropriate cases.

(b) Arbitrators who exhibit a pattern of unavailability of appointments or who are repeatedly unable to schedule hearings or render awards within established deadlines will be considered ineligible for appointment for this service.

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Annual listing fee for all arbitrators: \$100 for the first address; \$50 for the second address
Request for panel of arbitrators processed by FMCS staff: \$50

Request for panel of arbitrators on-line: \$30.00

Direct appointment of an arbitrator when a panel is not used: \$20.00 per appointment

List and biographic sketches of arbitrators in a specific area: \$25.00 per request plus \$.25 per page.

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PART 1405—PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

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Subpart A—General

§ 1405.1 Purpose.

These regulations implement Public Law 95-437, the Federal Employees Part-time Career Employment Act of 1978, by establishing a continuing program in the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to provide career part-time employment opportunities.

§ 1405.2 Policy.

It is the policy of FMCS to provide career part-time employment opportunities in positions through GS-16 (or equivalent) subject to agency resources and mission requirements.