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§ 145.0 Definitions.

For the purposes of part 145 the following definitions are applicable:

Assistant Secretary—refers to the Assistant Secretary of the Commission for FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Acts Compliance.

Compliance staff—refers to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Acts Compliance staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's principal office in Washington, DC assigned to respond to requests for information and to handle various other matters under the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act of 1974, and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Public records—in addition to the records described in §145.1 (material published in the FEDERAL REGISTER) and in §145.2 (records required to be made publicly available under the Freedom of Information Act), includes those records that have been determined by the Commission to be generally available to the public directly upon oral or written request from the

Commission office or division responsible for the maintenance of such records. A compilation of Commission records routinely available to the public upon request appears in appendix A to this part 145.

Nonpublic records—are records not identified in §145.1, §145.2, or Appendix A of this part 145. Nonpublic records must be requested, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of §145.7.

Record—is any information or agency record maintained by the Commission in any format, including an electronic format. It includes any document, writing, photograph, sound or magnetic recording, videotape, microfiche, drawing, or computer-stored information or output in the possession of the Commission. The term “record” does not include personal convenience materials over which the Commission has no control, such as appointment calendars and handwritten notes, which may be retained or destroyed at an employee's discretion.

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§ 145.1 Information published in the Federal Register.

Except as provided in §145.5, pertaining to nonpublic matters, the following materials shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER for the guidance of the public:

(a) Description of the Commission's central and field organization and the established place at which, the employees from whom, and the methods whereby the public may obtain information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions;

(b) Statements of the general course and method by which the Commission's functions are channeled and determined, including the nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures available;

(c) Rules of procedure, descriptions of forms available or the places at which forms may be obtained, and instructions as to the scope and contents of all papers, reports, or examinations;

(d) Substantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by the Commission; and

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(e) Each amendment, revision, or repeal of the foregoing.

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§ 145.2 Records available for public inspection and copying; documents published and indexed.

Except as provided in §145.5, pertaining to nonpublic matters, and in addition to those documents listed in appendix A to part 145, Compilation of Commission Records Available to the Public, the following materials are available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at the Commission's Public Reading Room, located at the principal office of the Commission in Washington, DC and at the regional offices of the Commission:

(a) A guide for requesting records or publicly available information from the Commission which includes:

- (1) An index of all publicly available information of the Commission;
- (2) A description of major information and record locator systems;
- (3) Guidance for obtaining various types and categories of public information from the Commission;

(b) Final opinions and orders of the Commission in the adjudication of cases, including concurring and dissenting opinions;

(c) Statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the Commission and are not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER;

(d) Records released in response to FOIA requests that have been, or the Commission anticipates will be, the subject of additional FOIA requests;

(e) Administrative manuals and instructions that affect the public; and

(f) Indices providing identifying information to the public as to the materials made available pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.

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§ 145.3 [Reserved]

§ 145.4 Public records available with identifying details deleted; nonpublic records available in abridged or summary form.

(a) To the extent required to prevent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, the Commission may de-

lete identifying details when it makes available "public records" as defined in §145.0(c). In such instances, the Commission shall explain the justification for the deletion fully in writing.

(b) Certain "nonpublic records," as defined in §145.0(d), may, as authorized by the Commission, be made available for public inspection and copying in an abridged or summary form, with identifying details deleted.

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§ 145.5 Disclosure of nonpublic records.

The Commission may decline to publish or make available to the public any "nonpublic records," as defined in §145.0(d), if those records fall within the descriptions in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this section. The Commission shall publish or make available reasonably segregable portions of "nonpublic records" subject to a request under §145.7 if those portions do not fall within the descriptions in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this section. Requests for confidential treatment of segregable public information will not be processed.

(a)(1) Specifically authorized under criteria established by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and (2) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such executive order;

(b) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Commission or any other agency of the Government of the United States, including operation rules, guidelines, and manuals of procedure for investigators, auditors, and other employees (other than those rules and practices which establish legal requirements to which members of the public are expected to conform);

(c) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute, including:

(1) Data and information which would separately disclose the business transactions or market positions of any person and trade secrets or names of customers; and

(2) Any data or information concerning or obtained in connection with any pending investigation of any person;