

proposed Order. At any time thereafter, the proposed Order may be issued as a final Order.

(b) *Default.* Failure of a respondent to file an answer within the time provided constitutes a waiver of its right to appear and contest the allegations in the notice. If a timely answer is not filed, a default Order may be entered. A respondent that believes that there was good cause for it to not file an answer within the time allowed may request that the Office exercise its discretion to vacate such a default Order. A default Order based upon a respondent's failure to answer is deemed to be a final Order issued upon consent.

#### §509.204 Hearing Procedure.

(a) (1) The Director shall preside at the hearing and enter the final decision of the agency, provided that no party seeks discovery or proffers any oral testimony;

(2) Respondents shall provide two copies of any pleadings and other filings to the Office of the Chief Counsel, Business Transactions Division. The Office of the Chief Counsel, Business Transactions Division shall serve in the manner provided in §509.11 of this part, each respondent separately represented with a copy of any pleading or other filing made by the Office.

(b) If any party seeks discovery or proffers any oral testimony, the procedures in subparts A and B of this part shall apply from that time until the conclusion of the proceeding.

## PART 510—MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONAL REGULATIONS

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#### §510.2 Provisions related to regulations of the Office.

(a) *Amendments.* The Office expressly reserves the right to amend (including

the right to alter or repeal) the regulations set forth in this chapter.

(b) *Waiver or relaxation of regulatory provisions with respect to disaster or emergency areas.* Whenever the President of the United States determines that a major disaster or emergency exists, or declares an area a major disaster or emergency area, the Office may, to the extent not inconsistent with law, by order waive or relax any limitations pertaining to the operations of Federal savings associations and savings associations in any area or areas affected by such disaster or emergency so declared.

(c) *Bar on participation in notice and comment rulemaking by suspended or disbarred persons.* No person who has been suspended or debarred from practice before the Office in accordance with the provisions of part 513 of this chapter may submit to the Office, either directly or on behalf of an interested party, any written documents or petitions otherwise permitted by the Administrative Procedures Act.

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#### §510.4 Service of process.

(a) *Service of Process.* Service of process may be made upon the Office by delivering a copy of the summons and complaint to the U.S. Attorney for the district in which the action is brought or to an assistant U.S. Attorney or clerical employee designated by the U.S. Attorney in a writing filed with the clerk of the court, and by sending copies of the summons and of the complaint by registered or certified mail to the Attorney General of the United States, Washington, DC, and to the Secretary of the Office.

(b) *Subpoenas.* Any subpoena to obtain information maintained by Office shall be duly issued and served upon the Secretary of the Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20552.

#### §510.5 Release of unpublished OTS information.

(a) *Scope.* (1) This section applies to requests by the public for unpublished OTS information, such as requests for records or testimony from parties to