

**Subpart A—Proceedings Under Section 5 of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act**

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**§ 50-203.1 Reports of breach or violation.**

(a) Any employer, employee, labor or trade organization or other interested person or organization may report a breach or violation, or apparent breach or violation of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act of June 30, 1936 (49 Stat. 2036, as amended; 41 U.S.C. 35-45), or of any of the rules or regulations prescribed thereunder.

(b) A report of breach or violation may be reported to the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration or with the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20210.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) In the event that the Wage and Hour Division is notified of a breach or violation which also involves safety and health standards, such Director shall notify the appropriate Regional Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards who shall with respect to the safety and health violation take action commensurate with his responsibilities pertaining to safety and health standards.

(e) The report should contain the following:

(1) The full name and address of the person or organization reporting the breach or violation.

(2) The full name and address of the person against whom the report is made, hereinafter referred to as the "respondent".

(3) A clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged breach or violation of any of the provisions of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act, or of any of the rules or regulations prescribed thereunder.

(41 U.S.C. 35, 40; 5 U.S.C. 556)

[32 FR 7702, May 26, 1967, as amended at 36 FR 288, Jan. 8, 1971; 61 FR 19987, May 3, 1996]

**§ 50-203.2 Issuance of a formal complaint.**

After a report of a breach or violation has been filed, or upon his own motion and without any report of a breach or violation having been previously filed, the Solicitor may issue and cause to be served upon the respondent a formal complaint stating the charges. Notice of hearing before an administrative law judge designated by the Secretary of Labor shall be issued and served within a reasonable time after the issuance of the complaint. A copy of the complaint and notice of hearing shall be served upon the surety or sureties. Unless the administrative law judge otherwise determines, the date of hearing shall not be sooner than 30 days after the date of issuance of the complaint.

[35 FR 14839, Sept. 24, 1970, as amended at 61 FR 19987, May 3, 1996]

**§ 50-203.3 Answer.**

(a) The respondent shall have the right, unless otherwise specified in the complaint and notice, within twenty (20) days after date of issuance of the formal complaint, to file an answer thereto. Such answer shall not be limited to a mere denial of the charges. It shall specifically deny or admit each of the charges, and, if the answer is in denial of any one of the charges, it shall contain a concise statement of the facts relied upon in support of the denial. Any charges not specifically denied in the answer shall be deemed to be admitted and may be so found by the administrative law judge, unless the respondent disclaims knowledge upon which to make a denial. If the answer should admit any charge but the respondent believes there are reasons or circumstances warranting special consideration, such reasons and circumstances should be fully but concisely stated.

(b) Such answer shall be in writing, and signed by the respondent or his attorney or by any other duly authorized agent with power of attorney affixed.

(c) If no answer is filed, or if the answer as filed does not warrant a postponement of the hearing, such hearing will be held as scheduled.

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(d) The original and two copies of the answer shall be filed with the Chief administrative law judge, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

(e) In any case where formal complaints have been amended, the respondent shall have the right to amend his answer within such time as may be fixed by the administrative law judge.

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#### § 50-203.4 Motions.

(a) All motions except those made at the hearing shall be filed in writing with the Chief administrative law judge, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C., and shall be included in the record. Such motions shall state briefly the order or relief applied for and the grounds for such motion. The moving party shall file an original and two copies of all such motions. All motions made at the hearing shall be stated orally and included in the stenographic report of the hearing.

(b) The administrative law judge designated to conduct the hearing may in his discretion reserve his ruling upon any question or motion.

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#### § 50-203.5 Intervention.

Any employer, employee, labor or trade organization or other interested person or organization desiring to intervene in any pending proceeding prior to, or at the time it is called for hearing, but not after a hearing, except for good cause shown, shall file a petition in writing for leave to intervene, which shall be served on all parties to the proceeding, with the Chief administrative law judge, Department of Labor, or with the administrative law judge designated to conduct the hearing, setting forth the position and interest of the petitioner and the grounds of the proposed intervention. The Chief administrative law judge, or the administrative law judge, as the case may be, may grant leave to intervene

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to such extent and upon such terms as he shall deem just.

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#### § 50-203.6 Witnesses and subpoenas.

(a) Witnesses shall be examined orally under oath except that for good and exceptional cause the administrative law judge may permit their testimony to be taken by deposition under oath.

(b) The administrative law judge shall upon application by any party, and upon a showing of general relevance and reasonable scope of the evidence sought, issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence under oath, including books, records, correspondence, or documents. Applications for the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum shall specify the books, records, correspondence or other documents sought.

(c) Witnesses summoned before the administrative law judge shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the courts of the United States, and witnesses whose depositions are taken and the persons taking the same shall severally be entitled to the same fees as are paid for like services in the courts of the United States. Witness fees and mileage shall be paid by the party at whose instance the witnesses appear, and the person taking the depositions shall be paid by the party at whose instance the depositions are taken.

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#### § 50-203.7 Prehearing conferences.

(a) At any time prior to the hearing the administrative law judge may, on motion of the parties or on his own motion, whenever it appears that the public interest will be served thereby, direct the parties to appear before him for a conference at a designated time and place to consider, among other things:

- (1) Simplification of the issues;
- (2) The necessity or desirability of amending the pleadings for purposes of clarification, amplification or limitation;