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(d) Release of records under this section is subject to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a.

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§ 5.5 Request for records.

(a) A request to inspect or copy those public records described in 11 CFR 5.4(a) may be made in person or by mail. The Public Disclosure Division is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and is located on the first floor, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463.

(b) Each request shall describe the records sought with sufficient specificity with respect to names, dates and subject matter to permit the records to be located with a reasonable amount of effort. A requester will be promptly advised if the requested records cannot be located on the basis of the description given and that further identifying information must be provided before the request can be satisfied.

(c) Requests for copies of records not available through the Public Disclosure Division shall be addressed to the FOIA Officer, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463. Requests for Commission records not described in 11 CFR 5.4(a) shall be treated as requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and shall be governed by 11 CFR part 4. In the event that the Public Disclosure Division receives a written request for access to materials not described in 11 CFR 5.4(a), it shall promptly forward such request to the Commission FOIA Officer for processing in accordance with the provisions of part 4 of this chapter.

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§ 5.6 Fees.

(a)(1) Fees will be charged for copies of records which are furnished to a requester under this part and for the staff time spent in locating and reproducing such records. The fees to be levied for services rendered under this part shall not exceed the Commission's direct cost of processing requests for those records computed on the basis of the actual number of copies produced

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and the staff time expended in fulfilling the particular request, in accordance with the following schedule of standard fees:

Photocopying from microfilm reader-printer—\$.15 per page
Photocopying from photocopying machines—\$.05 per page
Paper copies from microfilm—Paper Print Machine—\$.05 per frame/page

REELS OF MICROFILM

Daily film (partial or complete roll)—\$2.85 per roll
Other film (partial or complete roll)—\$5.00 per roll

PUBLICATIONS: (NEW OR NOT FROM STOCKS AVAILABLE)

Cost of photocopying (reproducing) document—\$.05 per page
Cost of binding document—\$.30 per inch
Plus cost of staff research time after first ½ hour (see Research Time)

PUBLICATIONS: (AVAILABLE STOCK)

If available from stock on hand, cost is based on previously calculated cost as stated in the publication (based on actual cost per copy, including reproduction and binding).

COMPUTER TAPES:

Cost (\$.0006 per Computer Resource Unit Utilized—CRU) to process the request plus the cost of the computer tape (\$25) and professional staff time (see Research Time). The cost varies based upon request.

COMPUTER INDEXES:

No charge for 20 or fewer requests for computer indexes, except for a name search as described below.

C Index—Committee Index of Disclosure Documents—No charge for requests of 20 or fewer committee ID numbers. Requests for more than 20 ID numbers will cost \$.05 for each ID number requested.

E Index (Parts 1-4)—Candidate Index of Supporting Documents—No charge for requests of 20 or fewer candidate ID numbers. Requests for more than 20 ID numbers will cost \$.10 for each ID number requested.

D Index—Committee Index or Candidates Supported/Opposed—No charge for requests of 20 or fewer committee ID numbers. Requests for more than 20 ID numbers will cost \$.30 for each committee ID number requested.

E Index (Complete)—Candidate Index of Supporting Documents—No charge for requests of 20 or fewer committee ID numbers. Requests for more than 20 ID numbers will cost \$2.00 for each candidate ID number requested.

G Index—Selected List of Receipts and Expenditures—No charge for requests of 20 or fewer committee ID numbers. Requests for more than 20 ID numbers will cost \$2.00 for each ID number requested.

Other computer index requests for more than 20 ID numbers will cost \$.0006 per CRU (Computer Resource Unit) utilized.

Name Search—A computer search of an entire individual contributor file for contributions made by a particular individual or individuals will cost \$.0006 per CRU (Computer Resource Unit) utilized.

RESEARCH TIME/PHOTOCOPYING TIME

Clerical: First ½ hour is free; remaining time costs \$4.50 per each half hour (agency average of staff below a GS-11) for each request.

Professional: First ½ hour is free; remaining time costs \$12.40 per each half hour (agency average of staff at GS-11 and above) for each request.

OTHER CHARGES

Certification of a Document: \$7.35 per quarter hour.

Transcripts of Commission meetings not previously transcribed: \$7.50 per half hour (equivalent of a GS-11 executive secretary).

(2) Upon receipt of any request for the production of computer tape or microfilm, the Commission will advise the requester of the identity of the private contractor who will perform the duplication services. The fee for the production of computer tape or microfilm shall be made payable to that private contractor and shall be forwarded to the Commission.

(b) Commission publications for which fees will be charged under 11 CFR 5.6(a) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advisory Opinion Index
- Report on Financial Activity
- Financial Control and Compliance Manual
- MUR Index
- Guideline for Presentation in Good Order
- Office Account Index

(c) In the event the anticipated fees for all pending requests from the same requester exceed \$25.00, records will not be searched, nor copies furnished, until the requester pays, or makes acceptable arrangements to pay, the total amount due.

Similarly, if the records requested require the production of microfilm or of computer tapes, the Commission will not instruct its contractor to du-

plicate the records until the requester has submitted payment as directed or has made acceptable arrangements to pay the total amount due. If any fee is not precisely ascertainable, an estimate will be made by the Commission and the requester will be required to forward the fee so estimated. In the event any advance payment differs from the actual fee, an appropriate adjustment will be made at the time the copies are made available by the Commission.

(d) The Commission may reduce or waive payments of fees hereunder if it determines that such waiver or reduction is in the public interest because the furnishing of the requested information to the particular requester involved can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public as opposed to primarily benefiting the person or organization requesting the information.

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