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filing shall be deemed complete as of the date of deposit in the mail or with the telegraph company as provided in paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section.

§ 501.4 Witnesses.

(a) *Examination of witnesses.* Witnesses shall appear in person and be examined orally under oath, except that for good cause shown, testimony may be taken by deposition.

(b) *Witness fees and mileage.* Witnesses summoned by the Commission on its own behalf or on behalf of a claimant or interested party shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are allowed and paid witnesses in the District Courts of the United States. Witness fees and mileage shall be paid by the Commission or by the party at whose request the witness appears.

(c) *Transcript of testimony.* Every person required to attend and testify or to submit documents or other evidence shall be entitled to retain or, on payment of prescribed costs, procure a copy of the transcript of the testimony or the documents produced.

§ 501.5 Depositions.

(a) *Application to take.* (1) An application to take a deposition shall be in writing setting forth the reason why such deposition should be taken, the name and address of the witness, the matters concerning which it is expected the witness will testify, and the time and place proposed for the taking of the deposition, together with the name and address of the person before whom it is desired that the deposition be taken. If such deposition is being offered in connection with a hearing or examination, the application for deposition shall be made to the Commission at least 15 days prior to the proposed date of such hearing or examination.

(2) Application to take a deposition may be made during a hearing or examination, or subsequent to a hearing or examination, only where it is shown for good cause that the facts as set forth in the application to take the deposition were not within the knowledge of the person signing the application prior to the time of the hearing or examination.

(3) The Commission or its representative shall, upon receipt of the applica-

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tion and a showing of good cause, make and cause to be served upon the parties an order which will specify the name of the witness whose deposition is to be taken, the time, the place, and where practicable the designation of the officer before whom the witness is to testify. Such officer may or may not be the one specified in the application. The order shall be served upon all parties at least 10 days prior to the date of the taking of the deposition.

(b) *Who may take.* Such deposition may be taken before the designated officer or, if none is designated, before any officer authorized to administer oaths by the laws of the United States. If the examination is held in a foreign country, it may be taken before a secretary of an embassy or legation, consul-general, consul, vice consul, or consular agent of the United States.

(c) *Examination and certification of testimony.* At the time and place specified in said order the officer taking such deposition shall permit the witness to be examined and cross-examined under oath by all parties appearing, and the testimony shall be reduced to writing by, or under the direction of, the presiding officer. All objections to questions or evidence shall be deemed waived unless made in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section. The officer shall not have power to rule upon any objections but shall note them upon the deposition. The testimony shall be subscribed by the witness in the presence of the officer who shall attach a certificate stating that the witness was duly sworn, that the deposition is a true record of the testimony and exhibits given by the witness and that said officer is not counsel or attorney to any of the interested parties. The officer shall immediately seal and deliver an original and two copies of said transcript, together with the officer's certificate, by registered mail to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Washington, DC 20579 or to the field office designated.

(d) *Admissibility in evidence.* The deposition shall be admissible in evidence, subject to such objections to the questions and answers as were noted at the

time of taking the deposition, or within ten (10) days after the return thereof, and would be valid were the witness personally present at the hearing.

(e) *Errors and irregularities.* All errors or irregularities occurring shall be deemed waived unless a motion to suppress the deposition or some part thereof is made with reasonable promptness after such defect is, or with due diligence might have been, ascertained.

(f) *Scope of use.* The deposition of a witness, if relevant, may be used if the Commission finds:

(1) That the witness has died since the deposition was taken; or

(2) that the witness is at a distance greater than 100 miles radius of Washington, DC, the designated field office or the designated place of the hearing; or

(3) that the witness is unable to attend because of other good cause shown.

(g) *Interrogatories and cross-interrogatories.* Depositions may also be taken and submitted on written interrogatories in substantially the same manner as depositions taken by oral examinations. When a deposition is taken upon interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, none of the parties shall be present or represented, and no person, other than the witness, such person's representative or attorney, a stenographic reporter and the presiding officer, shall be present at the examination of the witness, which fact shall be certified by such officer, who shall propound the interrogatories and cross-interrogatories to the witness in their order and reduce the testimony to writing in the witness' own words.

(h) *Fees.* A witness whose deposition is taken pursuant to the regulations in this part, and the officer taking the deposition, shall be entitled to the same fees and mileage allowed and paid for like service in the United States District Court for the district in which the deposition is taken. Such fees shall be paid by the Commission or by the party at whose request the deposition is being taken.

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§ 501.6 Documentary evidence.

Documentary evidence may consist of books, records, correspondence or other documents pertinent to any hearing, examination, or investigation within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The application for the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum shall specify the books, records, correspondence or other documents sought. The production of documentary evidence shall not be required at any place other than the witness' place of business. The production of such documents shall not be required at any place if, prior to the return date specified in the subpoena, such person either has furnished the issuer of the subpoena with a properly certified copy of such documents or has entered into a stipulation as to the information contained in such documents.

§ 501.7 Time.

(a) *Computation.* In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by the regulations, by order of the Commission, or by any applicable statute, the day of the act, event, or default after which the designated period of time begins to run is not to be included. The last day of the period so computed is to be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday nor a holiday. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than 7 days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and holidays shall be excluded in the computation.

(b) *Enlargement.* When by the regulations in this chapter or by a notice given thereunder or by order of the Commission an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specific time, the Commission for good cause shown may, at any time in its discretion (1) with or without motion, notice, or previous order or (2) upon motion, permit the act to be done after the expiration of the specified period.

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