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regulation or supervision of financial institutions; and

(ix) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

(2) Investigatory records or information. (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)). (i) Among the documents exempt from disclosure pursuant to § 704.1(f)(1)(vii) shall be records or information reflecting investigations which either are conducted for the purpose of determining whether a violation(s) of legal right has taken place, or have disclosed that a violation(s) of legal right has taken place, but only to the extent that production of such records or information would fall within the classifications established in paragraphs (f)(1)(vii)(B) through (F) of this section.

(ii) Among the documents exempt from disclosure under paragraphs (f)(1)(vii)(D) and (f)(2)(i) of this section concerning confidential sources shall be documents which disclose the fact or the substance of a communication made to the Commission in confidence relating to an allegation or support of an allegation of wrongdoing by certain persons. It is sufficient under this subsection to indicate the confidentiality of the source if the substance of the communication or the circumstances of the communication indicate that investigative effectiveness could reasonably be expected to be inhibited by disclosure.

(iii) Whenever a request is made which involves access to records described in paragraph (f)(1)(vii)(A) of this section and the investigation or proceeding involves a possible violation of criminal law; and there is reason to believe that the subject of the investigation or proceeding is not aware of its pendency, and disclosure of the existence of the records could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, the Commission may, during only such time as that circumstance continues, treat the records as not subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552 and this section.

(3) Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided to any person requesting such record after deletion of the portions which are exempt under this subsection.

(g) *Administrative appeals.* (1) These procedures apply whenever a requester is denied records under § 704.1(d)(2)(i).

(2) Parties may appeal § 704.1(d)(2)(i) decisions within 90 days of the date of such decision by filing a written request for review addressed to the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20425, by certified mail, including a copy of the written denial, and may include a statement of the circumstances, reasons or arguments advanced in support of disclosure. Review will be made by the Staff Director on the basis of the written record.

(3) The decision on review of any appeal filed under this subsection shall be in writing over the signature of the Staff Director, will be promptly communicated to the person requesting review, and will constitute the final action of the Commission.

(4) Determinations of appeals filed under this subsection shall be made within 20 working days after the receipt of such appeal. If, on appeal, denial of records is in whole or part upheld, the Staff Director shall notify the persons making such request of the provisions for judicial review of that determination under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4).

(5) An extension of time may be granted under this subsection pursuant to criteria established in § 704.1(d)(3)(ii)(A) to (C), except that such extension together with any extension which may have been granted pursuant to § 704.1(d)(3)(ii) may not exceed a total of 10 working days.

[40 FR 22833, May 27, 1975, as amended at 44 FR 75152, Dec. 19, 1979; 55 FR 9884, 9886, Mar. 16, 1990]

§ 704.2 Complaints.

Any person may bring to the attention of the Commission a grievance which he believes falls within the jurisdiction of the Commission, as set forth in section 104 of the Act. This shall be done by submitting a complaint in writing to the Office of Federal Civil Rights Evaluation, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20425. Allegations falling under section 104(a)(1) and (5) of the Act (discrimination or fraud in voting) must be under oath or affirmation. All complaints should set forth the pertinent facts upon which

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the complaint is based, including but not limited to specification of (a) names and titles of officials or other persons involved in acts forming the basis for the complaint; (b) accurate designations of place locations involved; (c) dates of events described in the complaint.

[34 FR 7577, May 10, 1969, as amended at 44 FR 75152, Dec. 19, 1979]

§ 704.3 Other requests and communications.

Requests for information should be addressed to Press and Communications Division and requests for Commission literature should be directed to Publications Management Division, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20425. Communications with respect to Commission proceedings should be made pursuant to § 702.17 of this chapter. All other communications should be directed to Office of Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20425.

[44 FR 75152, Dec. 19, 1979]

§ 704.4 Restrictions on disclosure of information.

(a) By the provisions of section 102(g) of the Act, no evidence or testimony or summary of evidence or testimony taken in executive session may be released or used in public sessions without the consent of the Commission, and any person who releases or uses in public without the consent of the Commission such evidence or testimony taken in executive session shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year.

(b) Unless a matter of public record, all information or documents obtained or prepared by any Member, officer, or employee of the Commission, including members of State Advisory Committees, in the course of his official duties, or by virtue of his official status, shall not be disclosed or used by such person for any purpose except in the performance of his official duties.

(c) Any Member, officer, or employee of the Commission including members of State Advisory Committees, who is served with a subpoena, order, or other demand requiring the disclosure of such information or the production of

such documents shall appear in response to such subpoena, order, or other demand and, unless otherwise directed by the Commission, shall respectfully decline to disclose the information or produce the documents called for, basing his refusal upon this section. Any such person who is served with such a subpoena, order, or other demand shall promptly advise the Commission of the service of such subpoena, order, or other demand, the nature of the information or documents sought, and any circumstances which may bear upon the desirability of making available such information or documents.

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(a) The purpose of this part is to set forth rules to inform the public regarding information maintained by the Commission on Civil Rights about identifiable individuals and to inform those individuals how they may gain