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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 120

Public Meeting

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Public meeting on financing and securitizing the unguaranteed portion of SBA loans made under Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act.

SUMMARY: On February 26, 1997, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking to modify its rules regarding financing and securitizing the unguaranteed portions of its loans made under Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act. On April 2, 1997, SBA published in the **Federal Register** an interim final rule on this matter and extended the time for public comments on the proposed regulation. Because of the unusually great interest shown, SBA will hold a public hearing on the proposed rulemaking.

DATES: May 28, 1997, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Eisenhower Conference Room, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Hammersley, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance, (202) 205-7505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The issues for the hearing are contained in the Supplementary Information published in the **Federal Register** on February 26, 1997 (62 FR 8640) and April 2, 1997 (62 FR 15601). Previously, SBA regulations provided non-depository lenders the opportunity to finance and securitize the unguaranteed portion of SBA Section 7(a) guaranteed loans. The proposed rule, published on February 26, 1997, would permit both depository and non-depository lenders to pledge or securitize the unguaranteed portions of SBA guaranteed loans. The proposed rule also describes certain retainage requirements to protect the safety and soundness of the program. The interim final rule, published on April 2, 1997,

permits both depository and non-depository lenders to pledge or sell the unguaranteed portions of SBA guaranteed loans. SBA noted in the interim final rule that it expects to give favorable review to any transaction which complies with the retainage requirements in the proposed rule.

To assure the widest possible public participation, SBA will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Washington, DC at the Small Business Administration Office at 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416. The meeting will be held on May 28, 1997, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Interested parties will be given a reasonable time for an oral presentation and may submit written statements of their oral presentation in advance. If you wish to make a presentation, please contact Betty Smith at (202) 205-6490 at least 5 days before the hearing. If a large number of participants desire to make statements, a time limitation on each presentation will be imposed.

Members of the hearing panel may ask questions of the speaker, but speakers will not be allowed to question each other. Please submit questions in writing in advance, if possible, to the Chair. If the Chair determines them to be relevant, the Chair will direct them to the appropriate panel member.

Dated: May 7, 1997.

Jeanne Sclater,

Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Parts 4 and 375

[Docket No. RM95-16-000]

Regulations for the Relicensing of Hydropower Projects; Notice of Extension of Time

Issued May 5, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time.

SUMMARY: On November 26, 1996, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

(61 FR 64031, December 3, 1996) proposing revisions to its regulations for the relicensing of hydropower projects. The date for filing reply comments is being extended at the request of the National Hydropower Association.

DATES: Reply comments shall be filed on or before June 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, 202-208-0400.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

19 CFR Part 351

Countervailing Duties; Extension of Deadline To File Public Comments on Proposed Countervailing Duty Regulations

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Extension of deadline to file public comments on proposed countervailing duty regulations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the deadline to file public comments on the proposed countervailing duty regulations containing changes resulting from the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (the URAA). The deadline for filing comments on the proposed regulations is now May 27, 1997.

DATES: The comment deadline has been extended to May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to the following: Robert S. LaRussa, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Central Records Unit, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20230. The address should also include the following: Attention: Proposed Regulations/Uruguay Round Agreements Act—Countervailing Duties. Each person submitting a comment is requested to include his or her name

and address, and give reasons for any recommendation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jennifer A. Yeske at (202) 482-0189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 26, 1997, the Department published proposed countervailing duty regulations (62 FR 8818). We requested written comments from the public to be submitted by April 28, 1997. On April 23, 1997, we published a notification of extension of the deadline for filing comments to May 12, 1997 (62 FR 19719). We have further extended the deadline to May 27, 1997.

Proposed Regulations

The proposed regulations are available on the Internet at the following address: http://www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/

In addition, the proposed regulations are available to the public on 3.5" diskettes, with specific instructions for accessing compressed data, at cost, and paper copies available for reading and photocopying in Room B-099 of the Central Records Unit. Any questions concerning file formatting, document conversion, access on the Internet, or other file requirements should be addressed to Andrew Lee Beller, Director of Central Records, (202) 482-0866.

Format and Number of Copies

To simplify the processing and distribution of the public comments pertaining to the Department's proposed regulations, parties are encouraged to submit documents in electronic form accompanied by an original and three paper copies. All documents filed in electronic form must be on DOS formatted 3.5" diskettes, and must be prepared in either WordPerfect format or a format that the WordPerfect program can convert and import into WordPerfect. If possible, the Department would appreciate the documents being filed in either ASCII format or WordPerfect, and containing generic codes. The Department would also appreciate the use of descriptive filenames.

Dated: May 8, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 914

[SPATS No. IN-110-FOR, Amendment No. 93-7]

Indiana Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal of proposed amendment.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing the withdrawal of part of a proposed amendment to the Indiana regulatory program (hereinafter the "Indiana program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment that is being withdrawn is the second part of a larger amendment submitted by Indiana. The first part of the amendment was previously approved by OSM. The amendments being withdrawn pertain to permit revisions. Indiana is withdrawing this amendment because it was recalled by the Indiana Attorney General.

DATES: This proposed amendment is withdrawn May 12, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew R. Gilmore, Director, Indianapolis Field Office, Telephone: (317) 226-6700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated December 30, 1993 (Administrative Record No. IND-1322), Indiana submitted proposed amendment number 93-7 to its program pursuant to SMCRA. The amendment concerned revisions to numerous sections of the Indiana rules to address OSM Regulatory Reform I, II, and III issues. Indiana subsequently subdivided the amendment, and OSM approved Part I on November 9, 1995 (60 FR 56516).

On April 30, 1997 (Administrative Record No. IND-1568), Indiana requested that Part II of amendment 93-7 be withdrawn. Indiana intends to revise the amendment prior to resubmitting it for formal review and approval by OSM. Therefore, amendment 93-7 Part II as announced in the December 20, 1995, **Federal Register** (60 FR 65611) is withdrawn.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 914

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Allen D. Klein,

Regional Director, Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 285

DOD Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense (DOD).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed revision to the DOD Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program provides substantive and administrative changes. It conforms to the requirements of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996, as amended by Public Law 104-231.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Forward comments to ASD(PA), Room 2C757, 1400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. C. Talbott, 703-697-1180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been determined that 32 CFR part 285 is not a significant regulatory action. The rule does not:

(1) Have an annual effect to the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy; a section of the economy; productivity; competition; jobs; the environment; public health or safety; or State, local, or tribal governments or communities;

(2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another Agency;

(3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or

(4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.

Public Law 96-354, "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (5 U.S.C. 601)

It has been certified that this rule is not subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601) because it would not, if promulgated, have a significant