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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

48 CFR Parts 912, 952 and 970

Acquisition Regulation; Project Control System

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Withdrawal of Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: DOE is hereby withdrawing a proposal to amend the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR). The proposed change would have revised coverage addressing the use of contractor project control systems. Subsequent to release of the notice of proposed rulemaking, the Department decided to further revise its policies for applying control systems to the management of contractor projects. At this time, the control system policies are continuing to be defined, and no final rulemaking can be implemented until the program requirements are finalized, at which time, a new notice of proposed rulemaking will be published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin M. Smith, Procurement Policy Division (HR-521.1), Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-8189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background.

II. Detailed Listing of Changes.

I. Background

Amendments to 48 CFR Parts 912, 952 and 970 were announced in a notice of proposed rulemaking in the February 8, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 5751). DOE invited interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting data, views or arguments with respect to the DEAR amendments set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. The public comment period closed on April 11, 1994, a period of 60 days. During that period, comments were received from two interested parties who questioned whether the

language of the proposed rulemaking was sufficiently clear. The Department will consider these comments in the development of any future rulemaking.

II. Detailed Listing of Changes

The proposed new subpart 912.70 is withdrawn. The proposed revisions of sections 952.212-73 and 970.5204-50 are withdrawn.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 912, 952, and 970

Government Procurement.

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Richard H. Hopf,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

49 CFR Part 1023

[Ex Parte No. MC-100 (Sub-No. 6)]

Single State Insurance Registration [Petition of Lee's Permit Service, et al.]

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Commission is withdrawing its proposal to provide registration procedures tailored to the operations of carriers under temporary authorities. On evaluating the public comments on its proposal, the Commission has determined that the proposed procedures are unnecessary.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to a petition jointly filed by motor carrier consulting companies Lee's Permit Service and Little Debby's Tag Service, the Commission proposed to amend the Single State Registration System (SSRS) rules it had promulgated in Single State Insurance Registration, 9 I.C.C.2d 610 (1993). Petitioners had stated that delays by States in issuing registration receipts for new grants of emergency temporary authority or

temporary authority had in turn delayed initiation of service, thereby diminishing or negating the usefulness of those authorities.

To address this problem, the Commission proposed expedited registration procedures for carriers operating under temporary authorities. The Commission published notice of its proposal in the **Federal Register** on May 25, 1994 (59 FR 27002) and invited interested parties to submit comments.

The Commission received comments from the National Conference of State Transportation Specialists and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, among others, opposing the proposed regulations. It received only a few terse comments in favor of the regulations. No commenters cited any specific examples of delays by States in issuing registration receipts. The Commission concludes that the comments do not show that the procedures under the rules currently in effect pose problems for motor carriers. Rather, it appears that the States are resolving any problems they encounter in the incipient stages of the registration program and that modification of the registration regulations is unnecessary. The Commission is therefore withdrawing the proposed rules and discontinuing the proceeding.

Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To obtain a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Office of the Secretary, Room 2215, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 927-7428. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD service (202) 927-5721.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10321 and 11506; 5 U.S.C. 553.

Decided: January 9, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Morgan, and Commissioners Simmons and Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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