

the petition. Should the petition be denied in whole or in part, prompt notice shall be given of the denial, accompanied by a simple statement of the grounds unless the denial be self-explanatory.

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**Subpart F [Reserved]**

**Subpart G—FEP Agency Designation Procedures**

**§ 1601.70 FEP agency qualifications.**

(a) State and local fair employment practice agencies or authorities which qualify under section 706(c) of title VII and this section shall be designated as “FEP agencies.” The qualifications for designation under section 706(c) are as follows:

(1) That the State or political subdivision has a fair employment practice law which makes unlawful employment practices based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability; and

(2) That the State or political subdivision has either established a State or local authority or authorized an existing State or local authority that is empowered with respect to employment practices found to be unlawful, to do one of three things: To grant relief from the practice; to seek relief from the practice; or to institute criminal proceedings with respect to the practice.

(b) Any State or local agency or authority seeking FEP agency designation should submit a written request to the Chairman of the Commission. However, if the Commission is aware that an agency or authority meets the above criteria for FEP agency designation, the Commission shall defer charges to such agency or authority even though no request for FEP agency designation has been made.

(c) A request for FEP agency designation should include a copy of the agency’s fair employment practices law and any rules, regulations and guidelines of general interpretation issued pursuant thereto. Submission of such data will allow the Commission to ascertain which employment practices are made

unlawful and which bases are covered by the State or local entity. Agencies or authorities are requested, but not required, to provide the following helpful information:

(1) A chart of the organization of the agency or authority responsible for administering and enforcing said law;

(2) The amount of funds made available to or allocated by the agency or authority for fair employment purposes;

(3) The identity and telephone number of the agency (authority) representative whom the Commission may contact with reference to any legal or other questions that may arise regarding designation;

(4) A detailed statement as to how the agency or authority meets the qualifications of paragraph (a) (1) and (2) of § 1601.70.

(d) Where both State and local FEP agencies exist, the Commission reserves the right to defer to the State FEP agency only. However, where there exist agencies of concurrent jurisdiction, the Commission may defer to the FEP agency which would best serve the purposes of title VII or the ADA, or to both.

(e) The Chairman or his or her designee, will provide to the Attorney General of the concerned State (and corporation counsel of a concerned local government, if appropriate) an opportunity to comment upon aspects of State or local law which might affect the qualifications of any new agency in that State otherwise cognizable under this section.

[45 FR 33606, May 20, 1980, as amended at 47 FR 53733, Nov. 29, 1982. Redesignated and amended at 56 FR 9625, Mar. 7, 1991; 60 FR 46220, Sept. 6, 1995]

**§ 1601.71 FEP agency notification.**

(a) When the Commission determines that an agency or authority meets the criteria outlined in section 706(c) of title VII and § 1601.70, the Commission shall so notify the agency by letter and shall notify the public by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of an amendment to § 1601.74.

(b) Where the Commission determines that an agency or authority does not come within the definition of a

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FEP agency for purposes of a particular basis of discrimination or where the agency or authority applies for designation as a Notice Agency, the Commission shall notify that agency or authority of the filing of charges for which the agency or authority is not a FEP agency. For such purposes that State or local agency will be deemed a Notice Agency.

(c) Where the Chairman becomes aware of events which lead him or her to believe that a deferral Agency no longer meets the requirements of a FEP agency and should no longer be considered a FEP agency, the Chairman will so notify the affected agency and give it 15 days in which to respond to the preliminary findings. If the Chairman deems necessary, he or she may convene a hearing for the purpose of clarifying the matter. The Commission shall render a final determination regarding continuation of the agency as a FEP agency.

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**§ 1601.74 Designated and notice agencies.**

(a) The designated FEP agencies are:

Alaska Commission for Human Rights  
Alexandria (VA) Human Rights Office  
Allentown (PA) Human Relations Commission  
Anchorage (AK) Equal Rights Commission  
Anderson (IN) Human Relations Commission  
Arizona Civil Rights Division  
Arlington County (VA) Human Rights Commission<sup>2</sup>  
Austin (TX) Human Relations Commission<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup>The Arlington Human Rights Commission has been designated as a FEP agency for all charges except charges alleging a violation of title VII by a government, government agency, or political subdivision of the State of Virginia. For these types of charges it shall be deemed a “Notice agency” pursuant to 29 CFR 1601.71(b).

<sup>3</sup>The Austin (TX) Human Relations Commission has been designated as a FEP agency for all charges except charges alleging a violation of title VII by a government, government agency, or political subdivision of the State of Texas. For these types of charges it shall be deemed a “Notice Agency,” pursuant to 29 CFR 1601.71(b).

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Baltimore (MD) Community Relations Commission  
Bloomington (IL) Human Relations Commission  
Bloomington (IN) Human Rights Commission  
Broward County (FL) Human Relations Commission  
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing  
Charleston (WV) Human Rights Commission  
City of Salina (KS) Human Relations Commission and Department  
City of Springfield (IL) Department of Community Relations  
Clearwater (FL) Office of Community Relations  
Colorado Civil Rights Commission  
Colorado State Personnel Board<sup>4</sup>  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Labor<sup>5</sup>  
Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity  
Corpus Christi (TX) Human Relations Commission  
Dade County (FL) Fair Housing and Employment Commission  
Delaware Department of Labor  
District of Columbia Office of Human Rights  
Durham (NC) Human Relations Commission  
East Chicago (IN) Human Rights Commission  
Evansville (IN) Human Relations Commission  
Fairfax County (VA) Human Rights Commission  
Florida Commission on Human Relations  
Fort Dodge-Webster County (IA) Human Rights Commission  
Fort Wayne (IN) Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

<sup>4</sup>The Colorado State Personnel Board has been designated as a FEP agency for only those charges which relate to appointments, promotions, and other personnel actions that take place in the State personnel system. In addition, it has been designated as a FEP agency for all of the above mentioned charges except charges which allege a violation of section 704(a) of title VII. For this type of charge it shall be deemed a “Notice Agency” pursuant to 29 CFR 1601.71(b).

<sup>5</sup>The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Labor has been designated as a FEP agency for all charges except (1) charges alleging a “labor union” has violated title VII; (2) charges alleging an “Employment Agency” has violated title VII; (3) charges alleging violations of title VII by agencies or instrumentalities of the Government of Puerto Rico when they are not operating as private businesses or enterprises; and (4) all charges alleging violations of sec. 704(a) or title VII. For these types of charges it shall be deemed a “Notice Agency,” pursuant to 29 CFR 1601.71(b).