

Federal Maritime Commission

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the petition. If the controversy or uncertainty is one of general public interest, and not limited to specifically named persons, opportunity for reply will be given to all interested persons including the Commission's Bureau of Enforcement.

(2) In the case of petitions involving a matter limited to specifically named persons, participation by persons not named therein will be permitted only upon grant of intervention by the Commission pursuant to § 502.72.

(3) Petitions for leave to intervene shall be submitted on or before the reply date and shall be accompanied by intervenor's complete reply including its factual and legal presentation in the matter.

(g) Petitions for declaratory order which conform to the requirements of this section will be referred to a formal docket. Referral to a formal docket is not to be construed as the exercise by the Commission of its discretion to issue an order on the merits of the petition. [Rule 68.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47394, Dec. 4, 1984, as amended at 59 FR 59170, Nov. 16, 1994; 61 FR 51233, Oct. 1, 1996; 63 FR 50535, Sept. 22, 1998; 65 FR 81759, Dec. 27, 2000; 67 FR 39859, June 11, 2002; 70 FR 10329, Mar. 3, 2005]

§ 502.69 Petitions—General and fee.

(a) Except when submitted in connection with a formal proceeding, all claims for relief or other affirmative action by the Commission, including appeals from Commission staff action, except as otherwise provided in this part, shall be by written petition, which shall state clearly and concisely the petitioner's grounds of interest in the subject matter, the facts relied upon and the relief sought, shall cite by appropriate reference the statutory provisions or other authority relied upon for relief, shall be served upon all parties named therein, and shall conform otherwise to the requirements of subpart H of this part. Replies thereto shall conform to the requirements of § 502.74.

(b) Petitions shall be accompanied by remittance of a \$241 filing fee. [Rule 69.]

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§ 502.70 Amendments or supplements to pleadings.

(a) Amendments or supplements to any pleadings will be permitted or rejected, either in the discretion of the Commission if the case has not been assigned to a presiding officer for hearing, or otherwise, in the discretion of the officer designated to conduct the hearing, except that after a case is assigned for hearing, no amendment shall be allowed which would broaden the issues, without opportunity to reply to such amended pleading and to prepare for the broadened issues. The presiding officer may direct a party to state its case more fully and in more detail by way of amendment.

(b) A response to an amended pleading must be filed and served in conformity with the requirements of subpart H of this part and § 502.74, unless the Commission or the presiding officer directs otherwise. Amendments or supplements allowed prior to hearing will be served in the same manner as the original pleading, except that the presiding officer may authorize the service of amended complaints directly by the parties rather than by the Secretary of the Commission.

(c) Whenever by the rules in this part a pleading is required to be verified, the amendment or supplement shall also be verified. [Rule 70.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 27210, May 7, 1993]

§ 502.71 Motions for more definite statement.

If a pleading (including a complaint or counter-complaint filed pursuant to § 502.62 or § 502.64) to which a responsive pleading is permitted is so vague or ambiguous that a party cannot reasonably be required to frame a responsive pleading, the party may move for a more definite statement before interposing a responsive pleading. The motion shall be filed within 15 days of the pleading and shall point out the defects