§ 958.12 Compromise and informal disposition.

Nothing in these rules precludes the compromise, settlement, and informal disposition of proceedings initiated under these rules at any time prior to the issuance of the final agency decision.

§ 958.13 Petition to revoke, amend, or modify.

A party against whom an order has been issued may file a petition for the revocation, amendment or modification thereof. The Recorder shall transmit a copy of the petition to the General Counsel, who may file a written reply. A copy of the reply shall be sent to the petitioner by the Recorder. Thereafter an order granting or denying such application will be issued by the Judicial Officer.

[36 FR 11578, June 16, 1971, as amended at 63 FR 66052, Dec. 1, 1998]

$\S 958.14$ Ex parte communications.

The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 551(14), 556(d) and 557(d) prohibiting ex parte communications are made applicable to proceedings under these rules of practice.

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AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 204, 401; 39 CFR 224.1(c)(6)(ii)(D).

SOURCE: 39 FR 33213, Sept. 16, 1974, unless otherwise noted.

§ 959.1 Authority for rules.

These rules are issued by the Judicial Officer of the U.S. Postal Service pursuant to authority delegated by the Postmaster General.

§ 959.2 Scope of rules.

These rules apply to all Postal Service proceedings in which part 310 of this title authorizes appeals to the Judicial Officer from demands for postage for matter carried in violation of the Private Express Statutes, and in proceedings to revoke, as to any person, the suspension of provisions of the Private Express Statutes in accordance with part 320 of this title.

§959.3 Office, business hours.

The offices of the officials mentioned in these rules are located at 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201–3078 and are open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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§959.4 Demands for payment of postage.

Final demands for payment of postage will be accompanied by a copy of these rules and will:

- (a) State that the demand is final unless appealed under these rules within 15 days after receipt of the demand;
- (b) Describe the transaction on which the demand is based and the provisions of law or regulation alleged to have been violated; and
- (c) State the manner in which the amount of the demand is computed.