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§ 1601.1 Purpose.

The regulations set forth in this part contain the procedures established by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for carrying out its responsibilities in the administration and enforcement of title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Section 107 of the Americans with Disabilities Act incorporates the powers, remedies and procedures set forth in sections 705, 706, 707, 709 and 710 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Based on its experience in the enforcement of title VII and the Americans with Disabilities Act and upon its evaluation of suggestions and petitions for amendments submitted by interested persons in accordance with §1601.31, the Commission may from time to time amend and revise these procedures.

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Subpart A—Definitions

§ 1601.2 Terms defined in title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The terms *person*, *employer*, *employment agency*, *labor organization*, *employee*, *commerce*, *industry affecting commerce*, *State* and *religion* as used in this part shall have the meanings set forth in section 701 of title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The term “disability” shall have the meaning set forth in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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§ 1601.3 Other definitions.

(a) For the purposes of this part, the term *title VII* shall mean title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the term *ADA* shall mean the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the term *Commission* shall mean the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any of its designated representatives; *Washington Field Office* shall mean the Commission's primary non-Headquarters office serving the District of Columbia

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and surrounding Maryland and Virginia suburban counties and jurisdictions; the term *field office* shall mean any of the Commission's District Offices, Area Offices and Local Offices, and its Washington Field Office; the term *FEP agency* shall mean a State or local agency which the Commission has determined satisfies the criteria stated in section 706(c) of title VII; and the term *verified* shall mean sworn to or affirmed before a notary public, designated representative of the Commission, or other person duly authorized by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, or supported by an unsworn declaration in writing under penalty of perjury.

(b) The delegations of authority in subpart B of this part are applicable to charges filed pursuant to either section 706 or section 707 of title VII.

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§ 1601.4 Vice Chairman's functions.

The member of the Commission designated by the President to serve as Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence or disability of the Chairman or in the event of a vacancy in that office.

§ 1601.5 District; area; supervisory authority.

The term “district” as used herein shall mean that part of the United States or any territory thereof fixed by the Commission as a particular district. The term “district director” shall refer to that person designated as the Commission's chief officer in each district. The term “Washington Field Office Director” shall refer to that person designated as the Commission's chief officer in the Washington Field Office. Any authority of, or delegation of authority to, District Directors shall be deemed to include the Director of the Washington Field Office. The term “area” shall mean that part of the United States within a district fixed by the Commission as a particular subunit of a district. The term “area director” shall refer to that person designated as the Commission's chief officer in each area. The term “local office” shall mean an EEOC office with responsibility over a part of the United

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States within a district fixed by the Commission as a particular sub-unit of a district. The term "local director" shall refer to that person designated as the Commission's chief officer for the local office. Each district office and the Washington Field Office will operate under the supervision of the Program Director, Office of Program Operations through the Directors Field Management Programs, Office of Program Operations, and the General Counsel. Each area and local office will operate under the supervision of the district director. Any or all delegations, or actions taken, as provided by this part may be revoked and/or exercised by the supervisor in keeping with the supervisory structure described in this section.

[44 FR 4668, Jan. 23, 1979, as amended at 47 FR 46275, Oct. 18, 1982; 49 FR 13024, Apr. 2, 1984; 54 FR 32061, Aug. 4, 1989]

Subpart B—Procedure for the Prevention of Unlawful Employment Practices

§ 1601.6 Submission of information.

(a) The Commission shall receive information concerning alleged violations of title VII or the ADA from any person. Where the information discloses that a person is entitled to file a charge with the Commission, the appropriate office shall render assistance in the filing of a charge. Any person or organization may request the issuance of a Commissioner charge for an inquiry into individual or systematic discrimination. Such request, with any pertinent information, should be submitted to the nearest field office.

(b) A person who submits data or evidence to the Commission may retain or, on payment of lawfully prescribed costs, procure a copy of transcript thereof, except that a witness may for good cause be limited to inspection of the official transcript of his or her testimony.

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§ 1601.7 Charges by or on behalf of persons claiming to be aggrieved.

(a) A charge that any person has engaged in or is engaging in an unlawful employment practice within the meaning of title VII or the ADA may be made by or on behalf of any person claiming to be aggrieved. A charge on behalf of a person claiming to be aggrieved may be made by any person, agency, or organization. The written charge need not identify by name the person on whose behalf it is made. The person making the charge, however, must provide the Commission with the name, address and telephone number of the person on whose behalf the charge is made. During the Commission investigation, Commission personnel shall verify the authorization of such charge by the person on whose behalf the charge is made. Any such person may request that the Commission shall keep his or her identity confidential. However, such request for confidentiality shall not prevent the Commission from disclosing the identity to Federal, State or local agencies that have agreed to keep such information confidential. If this condition is violated by a recipient agency, the Commission may decline to honor subsequent requests for such information.

(b) The person claiming to be aggrieved has the responsibility to provide the Commission with notice of any change in address and with notice of any prolonged absence from that current address so that he or she can be located when necessary during the Commission's consideration of the charge.

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§ 1601.8 Where to make a charge.

A charge may be made in person or by mail at the offices of the Commission in Washington, DC, or any of its field offices or with any designated representative of the Commission. The addresses of the Commission's field offices appear in § 1610.4.

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