

c, and d. General Specification for Common Control Central Office Equipment and REA Form 528, Specifications for Private Automatic Branch Exchanges (PABX). On issuance of the revised REA Bulletin, Appendix A of Part 1701 will be amended accordingly.

Persons interested in the new specifications may submit written data, views, or comments to the Director, Telephone Operations and Standards Division, Room 1355, South Building, Rural Electrification Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, not later than 30 days from the publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection at the Office of the Director, Telephone Operations and Standards Division during regular business hours. Copies of the proposed specifications, Forms 524 and 528, may be secured in person or by written request from the Director, Telephone Operations and Standards Division.

REA has prepared the two proposed specifications for the use of its borrowers in procuring common control central office equipment and private automatic branch exchanges.

The common control central office specification was prepared to enable borrowers to procure a modern switching system with translation capabilities for larger central offices or for those situations where complex numbering schemes are encountered. Common control meaning a switching system in which the equipment used to establish the connections through the switching network is separate from the network itself and is freed from the network as soon as its control function is completed.

The PABX specification defines the general requirements common to all private automatic branch exchange systems and then provides a number of optional features which permits the REA borrower to elect the ones it considers will best serve its needs. This specification, when properly prepared, will give the supplier a complete description of the switching system required by the borrower.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of Pipeline Safety

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FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS FOR GAS PIPELINES

Modification of Required Capacity of Pressure Relieving and Limiting Station; Extension of Time for Comment

On November 10, 1971, the Department issued Notice 71-6 that was published in

the FEDERAL REGISTER November 16, 1971. It proposed an amendment to § 192.201 (a) to change the restriction on accidental pressure buildup in pipelines other than low-pressure distribution systems which have a maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of less than 60 p.s.i.g.

While the comment period extended through December 15, 1971, very few comments have been received. This paucity exists even though specific points for consideration and comment were raised in the notice. Due to delays in mailing of the proposed amendment, it is believed that some interested persons did not have adequate time to comment. For this reason the comment period is being extended for an additional 45 days.

The extension of time for comment will permit interested persons who have not commented to submit written information, views, or arguments. Submissions received before February 1, 1972, will be considered with a view toward amending the proposal before final action is taken. Communications should be identified by notice number and docket number and submitted in duplicate to the Office of Pipeline Safety, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the Office of Pipeline Safety both before and after the closing date for comments.

This notice is issued under the authority of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. sec. 1671 et seq.), § 1.58(d) of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR 1.58(d)), and the redelegation of authority to the Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, dated November 6, 1968 (33 F.R. 16468).

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POSTAL SERVICE

[39 CFR Part 135]

BOOKS AND SOUND RECORDINGS MAILED AT SPECIAL POSTAGE RATES; PERMISSIBLE ENCLOSURES

Notice of Proposed Rule Making

Notice is hereby given of proposed rule making consisting of a revision of § 135.6 (b) (1) and (2) of Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations. Although the rule making requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) do not apply to the U.S. Postal Service by virtue of section 410 of title 39, United States Code, nevertheless the Postal Service desires to voluntarily comply with those requirements in the instant case.

Section 135.6(b) (1) and (2) of Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations sets forth regulations dealing with permissible enclosures in mailings of books and sound recordings at the special fourth-class and library rates of postage. It is proposed to restate these

regulations for purposes of clarification, so that permissible enclosures are enumerated more explicitly; and to emphasize that incidental announcements which are permitted to be mailed with books and recordings must relate exclusively to the books or recordings. The need for this clarification has been made apparent by reports of the enclosure of unauthorized materials with books and sound recordings mailed at the special and library fourth-class rates.

The proposed amendments to the regulations of the Postal Service are set out below.

Interested persons who desire to do so may submit written data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed regulations to the Manager, Mail Classification Division, Finance Department, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260, at any time prior to the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

In § 135.6 *Enclosures with items mailed at catalog, special fourth-class, and library rate*, amend subparagraphs, (1) and (2) of paragraph (b). *Special fourth-class and library rate*, to read as follows:

§ 135.6 Enclosures when items mailed at catalog, special fourth-class, and library rate.

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(b) * * *

(1) *Books*. The following items only are permissible enclosures with books mailed at the postage rates shown in §§ 135.1 (c) and (d):

- (i) An invoice (See § 135.5(b) (2)).
- (ii) Either one addressed envelope or one addressed post card.
- (iii) One order form.

(iv) Announcements of books, appearing in book pages or as loose enclosures. These announcements of books must be incidental, and must be exclusively devoted to books. They may not contain extraneous advertising of book related materials or services, but may contain ordering instructions for use with the single order form permitted in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph.

(2) *Sound recordings*. The following items only are permissible enclosures with sound recordings mailed at the postage rates shown in §§ 135.1 (c) and (d):

- (i) An invoice (See § 135.5(b) (2)).
- (ii) Either one addressed envelope or one addressed post card.
- (iii) One order form.

(iv) Guides or scripts prepared solely for use with such recordings.

(v) Announcements of sound recordings appearing on title labels, on protective sleeves, on the carton or wrapper, or on loose enclosures. These announcements of sound recordings must be incidental, and must be exclusively devoted to sound recordings. They may not contain extraneous advertising of sound recording related materials or services, but may contain ordering instructions for use with the single order form permitted in subdivision (iii) of this subparagraph. (39 U.S.C. 401)

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