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## **FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY**

### **5 CFR Chapter XIV**

#### **Changes to Current Addresses and Geographic Jurisdictions**

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**AGENCY:** Federal Labor Relations Authority.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends regulations listing the current addresses and describing the geographic jurisdictions of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and the Federal Service Impasses Panel. These changes reflect the closing of the Boston Regional Office and changes to the geographical jurisdictions of the Washington, DC and Chicago Regional Directors.

**DATES:** Effective November 16, 2018.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective January 28, 1980, the Authority and the General Counsel published, at 45 FR 3482, January 17, 1980, final rules and regulations to govern the processing of cases by the Authority and the General Counsel under chapter 71 of title 5 of the United States Code. These rules and regulations are required by title VII of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 and are set forth in 5 CFR chapter XIV (2018).

After an examination of budgets, caseloads, rental costs, operating costs, and staffing, the Authority is closing its Boston Regional Office and reassigning its jurisdiction to the Washington, DC and Chicago Regional Directors, effective November 16, 2018. The Authority expects no adverse effect on the quality or efficiency of casehandling as a result of the Boston Regional Office closure.

This amendment updates paragraphs (d) and (f) of Appendix A to 5 CFR chapter XIV to reflect the new organizational structure by removing the Boston Regional Office from the list of current addresses, telephone numbers, and fax numbers of the Authority's Regional Offices and by revising the geographical jurisdictions of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. As this rule pertains to agency organization, procedure, or practice, it is exempt from prior notice and public comment pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). For this same reason, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Authority finds that good cause exists for not providing a more delayed effective date. This type of action is also exempt from review under Executive Orders 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011), and 13771 (82 FR 9339, February 3, 2017).

For additional information regarding case handling procedures following the Boston Regional Office closure, please go to [www.fra.gov](http://www.fra.gov).

The opinion of the Authority's majority and the dissenting opinion of Member DuBester with respect to the closure of the Federal Labor Relations Authority's Boston and Dallas Regional Offices are published at Appendix A, 83 FR 46349, 46350-46368, September 13, 2018.

**List of Subjects in 5 CFR Chapter XIV**

Administrative practice and procedure.

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For the reasons set forth in the preamble and under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 7134, the Authority amends 5 CFR chapter XIV as follows:

- 1. Appendix A to 5 CFR chapter XIV is amended by removing paragraph (d)(1), redesignating paragraphs (d)(2) through (d)(6) as (d)(1) through (d)(5), and revising paragraph (f) to read as follows:

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(f) The geographic jurisdictions of the Regional Directors of the Federal Labor Relations Authority are as follows:

<b>State or other locality</b>	<b>Regional office</b>
Alabama	Atlanta
Alaska	San Francisco
Arizona	Denver
Arkansas	Atlanta
California	San Francisco
Colorado	Denver

Connecticut	Washington, DC
Delaware	Washington, DC
District of Columbia	Washington, DC
Florida	Atlanta
Georgia	Atlanta
Hawaii and all land and water areas west of the continents of North and South America (except coastal islands) to long. 90 degrees East	San Francisco
Idaho	San Francisco
Illinois	Chicago
Indiana	Chicago
Iowa	Chicago
Kansas	Denver
Kentucky	Chicago
Louisiana	Atlanta
Maine	Washington, DC
Maryland	Washington, DC
Massachusetts	Washington, DC
Michigan	Chicago
Minnesota	Chicago
Mississippi	Atlanta
Missouri	Chicago
Montana	Denver

Nebraska	Denver
Nevada	San Francisco
New Hampshire	Washington, DC
New Jersey	Washington, DC
New Mexico	Denver
New York	Washington, DC
North Carolina	Atlanta
North Dakota	Chicago
Ohio	Chicago
Oklahoma	Denver
Oregon	San Francisco
Pennsylvania	Washington, DC
Puerto Rico and coastal islands	Chicago
Rhode Island	Washington, DC
South Carolina	Atlanta
South Dakota	Chicago
Tennessee	Chicago
Texas	Denver
Utah	Denver
Vermont	Washington, DC
Virginia	Washington, DC

Washington	San Francisco
West Virginia	Washington, DC
Wisconsin	Chicago
Wyoming	Denver
Virgin Islands	Atlanta
Panama/limited FLRA jurisdiction	Atlanta
All land and water areas east of the continents of North and South America to long. 90 degrees East, except the Virgin Islands, Panama/limited FLRA jurisdiction, Puerto Rico and coastal islands	Washington, DC

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 7134.

Dated: October 29, 2018.

For the Federal Labor Relations Authority,

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