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Subj: CLASS DEVIATION - INTEREST COSTS

Encl: (1) OUSD DP(DAR) memo dtd April 15, 2002

Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information and action, as appropriate. The Director of Defense Procurement has authorized a class deviation from the cost principle at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 31.205-20. Interest and other financial costs, for utilities privatization contracts under which previously Government-owned utility systems are conveyed by a Military Department or Defense Agency to a contractor. Specific guidance is provided regarding allowable interest costs and unallowable facilities capital cost of money for the utilities privatization contractor. In addition, enclosure (1) addresses the applicable interest rates to be used to calculate allowable interest costs pursuant to the deviation.

This class deviation is effective for utilities privatization contracts awarded from May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2007.

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SUBJECT: Class Deviation – Interest Costs

I authorize a class deviation from the cost principle at Federal Acquisition  
Regulation (FAR) 31.205-20, Interest and other financial costs, for utilities privatization  
contracts under which previously Government-owned utility systems are conveyed by a  
Military Department or Defense Agency to a contractor. Pursuant to this deviation, the  
utilities privatization contractor will be permitted to recover its interest costs associated  
only with capital expenditures to acquire, renovate, replace, upgrade, and/or expand utility systems, and the contractor will not be permitted to receive facilities capital cost of money as a contract cost under FAR 31.205-10, Cost of money. Interest rates used to calculate allowable interest costs pursuant to this class deviation must be limited to 600 basis points above the Contract Disputes Act interest rate (41 U.S.C. 611) in effect at the time the contractor makes the capital expenditure. This class deviation is effective for utilities privatization contracts awarded from May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2007. Questions about this deviation may be addressed to Mr. Christopher Werner at (703)695-9764, or christopher.werner@osd.mil.

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