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(3) Advance payments and advance deposits required on sales of timber and other natural resources from such Indian lands,

(4) Deposits for rights of way over such Indian lands and anticipated right-of-way damages held until such damages are determined, and

(5) Deposits for grazing fees on such Indian lands.

(f) "Special deposit funds" means those funds held in special deposits.

§ 114.3 Investment of special deposit funds.

It is the policy of the Bureau to invest all special deposit funds which have been paid to the Bureau on behalf of Indians or Indian tribes pending the eventual payment for the sale, lease, or other transfer of tribal or individual Indian property and funds which are deposited solely for the purpose of guaranteeing performance.

§ 114.4 Payment and distribution of interest on special deposit funds.

(a) It is the general policy of the Bureau that interest and earnings from the investment of special deposit funds be credited to the principal accounts upon which the interest was earned. Therefore, interest and earnings from special deposit funds will not be deposited into the Bureau's IMPL account, except as expressly provided in this section.

(b) At the time that a withdrawal is made from a special deposit account, the interest earned by the principal account being withdrawn will be computed and withdrawn from the account as a part of the same transaction. The interest earned by the subject principal amount will be computed into two parts:

(1) The portion of interest credited during the prior interest period which was attributable to this principal; and

(2) The portion of interest which has been earned by this principal amount but has not yet been credited to the account because the interest period is not complete. This will be computed by using the month-end balances since the last interest period times the last period's factor.

(c) Interest earned from the investment of funds on special deposit accounts which have less than the minimum average month-end balances as determined by the Division of Accounting Management will be credited to the Agency's IMPL account.

PART 115—INDIVIDUAL INDIAN MONEY ACCOUNTS

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§ 115.1 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) The term "individual Indian money accounts" means those accounts under the control of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative belonging to individuals.

(b) The term "minor" means an individual who has not reached his majority as defined by the laws of the State of his domicile.

§ 115.2 Osage agency.

The provisions of this part do not apply to funds the deposit or expenditure of which is subject to the provisions of Part 117 of this subchapter.

§ 115.3 Individual accounts.

Except as otherwise provided in this part, adults shall have the right to withdraw funds from their accounts. Upon their application, or an applica-

tion made in their behalf by the Secretary or his authorized representative, their funds shall be disbursed to them. All such disbursements will be made at such convenient times and places as the Secretary or his authorized representatives may designate.

§ 115.4 Minors.

(a) Funds, other than a per capita share of judgment funds which exceeds \$100 in total amount at the time actual payment is made, including the investment income accruing thereto, of a minor may be disbursed in such amounts deemed necessary in the best interest of the minor for the minor's support, health, education, or welfare to parents, legal guardians, fiduciaries, or to persons having the control and custody of the minor under plans approved by the Secretary, or the minor directly, upon such conditions as the Secretary may prescribe. The Secretary will require modification of an approved plan whenever deemed in the best interest of the minor.

(b) A per capita share of judgment funds which exceeds \$100 in total amount at the time actual payment is made, including the investment income accruing thereto, of a minor shall not be disbursed until the minor reaches 18 years of age. At that time, unless the minor is under legal disability, the minor shall be entitled to withdraw his judgment funds and accrued investment income as provided in § 115.3. If the minor is under legal disability upon reaching his majority, his judgment funds and accrued investment income thereon shall be handled pursuant to § 115.5.

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§ 115.5 Adults under legal disability.

The funds of an adult who is non compos mentis or under other legal disability may be disbursed for his benefit for such purposes deemed to be for his best interest and welfare, or the funds may be disbursed to a legal guardian or curator under such conditions as the Secretary or his authorized representative may prescribe.

§ 115.6 Voluntary deposits.

As a general rule, voluntary deposits shall not be accepted. Indians who require banking service shall be encouraged to utilize commercial facilities. If in any case it is determined that an exception to this prohibition should be made to avoid a substantial hardship, the facts in the case shall be considered by the Secretary or his authorized representative and an exception will be allowed or denied.

§ 115.7 Payments by other Federal agencies.

Moneys received from the Veterans Administration or other Government agency pursuant to the act of February 25, 1933 (47 Stat. 907; 25 U.S.C. 14), may be accepted and administered for the benefit of adult Indians under legal disability or minors for whom no legal guardian or fiduciary has been appointed.

§ 115.8 Purchase orders.

Purchase orders may be issued only in emergencies upon the request of any account holder. The Secretary or his authorized representative may act in emergencies on behalf of an account holder who is unable to make a request because of illness or incapacity or, to meet expenses of last illness or funeral.

§ 115.9 Restrictions.

Funds of individuals may be applied by the Secretary or his authorized representative against delinquent claims of indebtedness to the United States or any of its agencies or to the tribe of which the individual is a member, unless such payments are prohibited by acts of Congress, and against money judgments rendered by courts of Indian offenses or under any tribal law and order code. Funds derived from the sale of capital assets which by agreement approved prior to such sale by the Secretary or his authorized representative are to be expended for specific purposes, and funds obligated under contractual arrangements approved in advance by the Secretary or his authorized representative or subject to deductions specifically authorized or directed by acts of Congress,

shall be disbursed only in accordance with the agreements (including any subsequently approved modifications thereof) or acts of Congress. The funds of an adult whom the Secretary or his authorized representative finds to be in need of assistance in managing his affairs, even though such adult is not non compos mentis or under other legal disability, may be disbursed to the adult, within his best interest, under approved plans. Such finding and the basis for such finding shall be recorded and filed with the records of the account.

CROSS REFERENCE: For rules governing the payment of judgments from individual Indian money accounts, see § 11.26 of this chapter.

§ 115.10 Funds of deceased Indians other than the Five Civilized Tribes.

Funds of a deceased Indian other than those of the Five Civilized Tribes may be disbursed (a) for the payment of obligations previously authorized, including authorized expenses of last illness; (b) for authorized funeral expenses; (c) for support of dependent members of the family of decedent in such amounts deemed necessary to avoid hardship and consistent with the value of the estate and the interest of probable heirs; (d) for necessary expenses to conserve the estate pending the completion of probate proceedings; and (e) for probate fees and claims allowed pursuant to Part 15 of this chapter.

§ 115.11 Funds of deceased Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Funds of a deceased Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes may be disbursed to pay ad valorem and personal property taxes, Federal and State estate and income taxes, obligations approved by the Secretary of his authorized representative prior to death of decedent, expenses of last sickness and burial and claims found to be just and reasonable which are not barred by the statute of limitations, costs of determining heirs to restricted property by the State courts, and claims allowed pursuant to Part 16 of this chapter.

§ 115.12 Assets of Members of the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians.

(a) The provisions of this section apply to money or other property, except real property, held by the United States in trust for such Indians, which may be used, advanced, expended, exchanged, deposited, disposed of, invested, and reinvested by the Director, Palm Springs Office, in accordance with the Act of October 17, 1968 (Pub. L. 90-597). The management or disposition of real property is covered in other parts of this chapter.

(b) Investments made by the Director, Palm Springs Office, under the Act of October 17, 1968, supra, shall be of such a nature as will afford reasonable protection of the assets of the individual Indian involved. The Director is authorized to enter into contracts for the management of the assets (except real property) of individual Indians. The consent of the individual Indian concerned must be obtained prior to the taking of actions affecting his assets, unless the Director determines, under the provisions of section (e) of the Act, that consent is not required.

(c) The Director may, consistent with normal business practices, establish appropriate fees for reports he requires from guardians, conservators, or other fiduciaries appointed under State law for members of the Band.

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§ 115.13 Appeals.

Appeal from an action taken by a Superintendent or other officer in charge of an Indian agency or reservation may be taken within 30 days of notification of the action to the Area Director in charge of an area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. An appeal from an action of an Area Director may be taken within 30 days to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. An appeal from an action of the Commissioner may be taken within 30 days to the Secretary of the Interior.

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