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Ms. Judy Cooper  
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: 155CSR4 - "Transaction Fee and Rate Structure"

Dear Ms. Cooper:

This letter will serve as my approval to file the above-referenced Legislative rule with your office and the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee as "Notice of Rule Modification of a Proposed Rule."

If you should have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please feel free to call me at 558-2251, ext. 113.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul S. Mollohan".

Paul S. Mollohan  
Senior Deputy State Auditor

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**TITLE 155  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE AUDITOR**

**SERIES 4  
TRANSACTION FEE AND RATE STRUCTURE**

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**§155-4-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This rule authorizes the State Auditor and State Treasurer to assess joint transaction fees for all financial documents that are received by the Auditor to be processed on the State central accounting system.

1.2. Authority. -- This rule is issued under authority of the W. Va. Code §12-3-10c.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~May 23, 2001.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~May 23, 2001.~~

1.5. W. Va. Code §12-3-10c authorizes the Auditor and Treasurer to assess transaction fees in order to promote and enhance the use of the state purchasing card program established by the provisions of W. Va. Code §12-3-10a and to maintain and develop the fiscal operations and accounting systems of the state.

1.6. The Auditor may assess a penalty fee against spending units of state government who submit claims for payment of goods and services when those claims are authorized to be paid by use of a state purchasing card and the spending unit has failed to utilize the state purchasing card.

1.7. The Auditor may assess a transaction fee for every transaction received electronically or otherwise by the Auditor from spending units of state government.

**§155-4-2. Definitions.**

2.1. "Auditor" means the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

2.2. OMB" means the Federal agency Office of Management and Budget.

2.3. "Purchase Card" or "card" means the charge card authorized by the W. Va. Code §12-3-10a.

2.4. "Technology fund" means the fund created in the state treasury as authorized by W. Va. Code §12-3-10c.

2.5. "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the State of West Virginia.

2.6. "West Virginia Financial Information Management System, 'WVFIMS'", means the centralized accounting system used by all state agencies for processing financial transactions and maintained by the Auditor and the Department of Administration.

**§155-4-3. Transaction Fee Structure.**

3.1. The transaction fee structure and rate shall be in compliance with the following federal Office of Management and Budget Circulars: Circular No. A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions" as amended August 29, 1997; Circular No. A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments" as amended August 29, 1997; and Circular A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations" as amended August 29, 1997.

3.2. The transaction fee structure shall be reviewed each fiscal year by the Auditor and Treasurer to determine whether any changes are required to maintain Federal and state compliance.

The transaction fee shall not exceed the lesser of the rate as determined in subsection 3.1 of this rule or \$1.00 per transaction. The fee shall continue in effect until December 31, 2002~~3~~.

3.3. The Auditor and Treasurer shall maintain in their respective offices all necessary documentation, including the detailed cost information and financial schedules, that were used in computing the transaction fee rate.

#### **§155-4-4. Penalty Fee Structure.**

4.1. The Auditor may assess a penalty fee for transactions received for payment when those transactions are authorized to be paid by the state purchasing card and the spending unit did not utilize the state purchasing card. The Auditor shall make provisions for certain purchases, such as emergency purchases or purchases made where the card could not be utilized or other circumstances as determined by the Auditor, to be made without penalty when the card was not used.

4.2. The penalty fee assessed shall be a multiple of the rate per transaction as determined in section 3.1. Beginning January 1, 2000, the Auditor may assess a penalty fee at five times the rate determined in section 3.1 of this rule.

#### **§155-4-5. Disposition of Fees.**

5.1. All fees collected shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the "Technology Support and Acquisition Fund" as authorized by the W. Va. Code §12-3-10c to be administered and maintained by the Auditor.

5.2. The Auditor and Treasurer shall divide the collections of the fund between their respective offices in the proportionate share that each office's cost is to the total cost in the rate base.

5.3. The Auditor shall make periodic transfers of funds to the Treasurer's Office, as jointly agreed upon, of the funds collected, provided, that at least two transfers occur during each fiscal year.

#### **§155-4-6. Accounting Requirements.**

6.1. The Auditor shall bill each agency for every transaction, as defined and used in the state's central accounting system, WVFIMS, when received for processing. The Auditor shall - calculate and bill each agency on a monthly basis.

6.2. The Auditor and Treasurer shall each maintain in their respective offices financial statements of the technology fund according to generally accepted accounting principles.

6.3. The Auditor and Treasurer shall include the fund financial data for their respective offices in the annual statewide cost allocation plan that is submitted to the Federal agency.

6.4. The fund is subject to Federal audit as required for the annual statewide single audit.