

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Conversion of Excess Page Fee from Mandatory to Voluntary

Beginning with manuscripts submitted to *The Journal of Chemical Physics* (JCP) after 31 March 1997, an excess page fee of \$150 per published page in excess of a 12 page threshold has been assessed. This has been a mandatory fee, but effective immediately it is converting to a voluntary charge, similar to regular JCP page charges.

The conversion to a voluntary charge is meant to remove discouragement for publication of substantive papers for which a length in excess of 12 pages is warranted by the scope of the work. It is also meant to remove incentives for dividing such works into a number of shorter papers, with the result being an increased total page count.

Authors are strongly encouraged to honor all page charges, for both “regular” and “excess” pages, so that subscription prices can be held down, allowing for maximum distribution of the articles published in JCP. The current rate of \$150 per page for the excess page charge approximates the incremental cost of processing and disseminating a single page in the journal; payment of excess page charges thus obviates the need to increase subscription prices due to costs incurred in the publication of an increased number of lengthy articles.

Authors are encouraged equally strongly to keep their papers short and concise. Not only will this help keep costs and prices down, but the result is more clear and effective presentation. One method for reducing length of papers is use of AIP’s Electronic Physics Auxiliary Publication Service (EPAPS) for figures, tables, and other such information that is not absolutely vital to the primary results of a paper. EPAPS is an electronic archive so materials deposited will be maintained indefinitely. It is accessible to users free of charge, and has convenient links from the online journal. For more information, please visit the EPAPS web page (<http://www.aip.org/pubservs/epaps.html>).