OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Civil Service Retirement System Board of Actuaries


ACTION: Establishment of advisory committee charter.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management announces the establishment of the charter for the Civil Service Retirement System Board of Actuaries. The Board shall provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF), the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees’ Retirement System (FERS), as set out in paragraph four below.

4. Description of Duties: The Board shall furnish its advice and opinion on matters referred to it by OPM, and recommend such changes as in the Board’s judgment are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Retirement Systems on a sound financial basis and, in doing so, shall:
   a. Report annually on the actuarial status of the Retirement Systems;
   b. Review actuarial valuations no less often than once every five years, or more often if considered necessary by OPM; and
   c. In response to an agency appeal of an amount payable for FERS under 5 U.S.C. 8423(c), and in accordance with the regulations established under 5 CFR 841 Subpart D, review the computations of OPM and recommend any adjustment with respect to any such amount which the Board determines appropriate.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Board shall report to the OPM Director, through OPM PPA. The OPM Director may act upon the Board’s advice and recommendations.

6. Support: OPM shall provide administrative services and support as deemed necessary for the Board’s performance of its functions.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs: The estimated annual operating cost, to include reimbursement for travel, meetings, and administrative support, is approximately $30,000. The estimated annual personnel cost to OPM is 0.3 FTEs. Costs may exceed this estimate if additional ad hoc meetings are needed (e.g. due to a statutory change or an agency appeal).

8. Designated Federal Officer: OPM’s Senior Actuary for Retirement Programs serves as the Board’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO). OPM’s Chief Actuary serves as the Board’s Alternate DFO.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Board shall meet at the call of the Board’s DFO, or Alternate DFO, in consultation with the Board’s Chair. The estimated number of Board meetings is one per year.

10. Duration: Continuing. 5 U.S.C. 8347(f) provides for a permanent role for the Board.

11. Termination: The Board shall terminate upon rescission of 5 U.S.C. 8347(f) and is subject to biennial review and will become inactive 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless prior to that date, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of the FACA. The Board will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.

12. Membership and Designation: The Board shall be comprised of three members who are appointed by the OPM Director from among professional actuaries who are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and qualified under actuarial standards of practice to issue a statement of actuarial opinion on defined benefit retirement plans.

Board members appointed by the OPM Director, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, to serve as special government employee (SGE) members, and shall, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8347(f), serve with compensation, to include official Board-related travel and per diem. A member of the Board who is not an employee of the United States is entitled to receive pay at the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay of the highest rate of basic pay than is currently being paid under the General Schedule of subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, U.S.C., for each day the member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Board.

Board members appointed by the OPM Director, who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees, shall be appointed, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.130(a), to serve as regular government employee (RGE) members.

Each Board member is appointed to provide advice to the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.
13. Subcommittees: The Board, in coordination with the DFO, has the authority to create subcommittees or working groups.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Board shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26, and governing OPM policies and procedures. These records will be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended).

Katherine L. Archuleta,
Director.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–2736.

Extension:
Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2, SEC File No. 270–298, OMB Control No. 3235–0337.


Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2 under the Exchange Act require transfer agents to file an annual report of their business activities with the Commission. These reporting requirements are designed to ensure that all registered transfer agents are providing the Commission with sufficient information on an annual basis about the transfer agent community and to permit the Commission to effectively monitor business activities of transfer agents.

The amount of time needed to comply with the requirements of amended Rule 17Ac2–2 and Form TA–2 varies. Of the total 429 registered transfer agents, approximately 9.1% (or 39 registrants) would be required to complete only questions 1 through 3 and the signature section of amended Form TA–2, which the Commission estimates would take each registrant approximately 30 minutes, for a total burden of 19.5 hours (39 x .5 hours). Approximately 26.7% of registrants (or 115 registrants) would be required to answer questions 1 through 5, question 11 and the signature section, which the Commission estimates would take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, for a total of 172.5 hours (115 x 1.5 hours). Approximately 64.2% of the registrants (or 275 registrants) would be required to complete the entire Form TA–2, which the Commission estimates would take approximately 6 hours, for a total of 1,650 hours (275 x 6 hours). The aggregate annual burden on all 429 registered transfer agents is thus approximately 1,842 hours (19.5 hours + 172.5 hours + 1,650 hours) and the average annual burden per transfer agent is approximately 4.3 hours (1,842 ÷ 429).

This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site: www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufa.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: April 28, 2015.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Sixth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of the Exchange

April 28, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that, on April 17, 2015, NYSE MKT LLC (the “Exchange” or “NYSE MKT”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the Sixth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of the Exchange ("Operating Agreement") to (1) establish a Regulatory Oversight Committee ("ROC") as a committee of the board of directors of the Exchange (the “Board”), and (2) remove the requirement that the independent directors that make up the majority of the Board also be directors of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., the Exchange’s parent company. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.