SUMMARY: The Healthcare & Insurance/ Federal Employee Insurance Operations (FEIO), Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a revised information collection request (ICR) 3206–0160, Health Benefits Election Form. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on June 10, 2015 at Volume 80 FR 32997 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 23, 2015. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

The Health Benefits Election Form is used by Federal employees, annuitants other than those under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) including individuals receiving benefits from the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, former spouses eligible for benefits under the Spouse Equity Act of 1984, and separated employees and former dependents eligible to enroll under the Temporary Continuation of Coverage provisions of the FEHB law (5 U.S.C. 8905a). A different form (OPM 2809) is used by CSRS and FERS annuitants whose health benefit enrollments are administered by OPM’s Retirement Operations.

Analysis


Title: Health Benefits Election Form.

OMB Number: 3206–0160.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 9,000.


Beth F. Cobert,


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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2016–7; Order No. 2766]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the Postal Service’s request to remove Global Direct Contracts from the competitive products list. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: October 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 et seq., the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to remove Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list.1

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

• Attachment A—a redacted copy of the Governors’ Decision No. 11–6 authorizing the removal of the product from the competitive product list, including a redacted management analysis;
• Attachment B—an application for nonpublic treatment of Governors’ Decision No. 11–6;
• Attachment C—a Statement of Supporting Justification as required by 39 CFR 3020.32; and
• Attachment D—proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) competitive product list.

The Postal Service seeks to remove Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list due to the absence of customer demand for this service. Request at 1. The Postal Service asserts that removal of Global Direct Contracts is an attempt to align its service offerings with current customer needs and preferences. Id. at 2.

In addition, in the Statement of Supporting Justification, Giselle E. Valera, Vice President and Managing Director of Global Business, asserts that because the Postal Service is requesting product removal, the product’s ability to cover its own costs has no impact on the instant Request. Id. Attachment C at 2. Ms. Valera maintains that removal of the product from the competitive product list attempts to ensure that there will be no issue of market dominant products subsidizing competitive products. Id.
II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2016–7 to consider the Request pertaining to the removal of Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service’s filings in the captioned docket are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B and subpart E. Comments are due no later than October 26, 2015. The public portions of the filings can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than October 26, 2015.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the Federal Register.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the New Securities Trader Qualification Examination (Series 57)

October 19, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “SEA”)1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on October 13, 2015, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”)3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 under the Act,4 which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. 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

FINRA is filing the content outline and selection specifications for the new Securities Trader qualification examination (Series 57).5 FINRA is not proposing any textual changes to the By-Laws, Schedules to the By-Laws or Rules of FINRA.

The Series 57 content outline is attached.6 The Series 57 selection specifications have been submitted to the Commission under separate cover with a request for confidential treatment pursuant to SEC Rule 24b–2.7

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at http://www.finra.org, at the principal office of FINRA 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, FINRA 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 these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

Section 15A(g)(3) of the Act7 authorizes FINRA to prescribe standards of training, experience, and competence for persons associated with FINRA members. In accordance with that provision, FINRA has developed examinations that are designed to establish that persons associated with FINRA members have attained specified levels of competence and knowledge, consistent with applicable registration requirements under FINRA rules.

The Commission recently approved a proposed rule change to amend NASD Rule 1032(f) (Limited Representative—Equity Trader) to replace the Equity Trader registration category and qualification examination (Series 55) with the Securities Trader registration category and qualification examination (Series 57).8 The rule provides that each associated person of a member who is included within the definition of “representative” in NASD Rule 1031 (Registration Requirements) is required to register with FINRA as a Securities

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4 FINRA also is establishing the Series 57 question bank. FINRA is submitting this filing for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder, and is not filing the question bank. See Letter to Alden S. Adkins, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, NASD Regulation, from Belinda Blaine, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC, dated July 24, 2000. The question bank is available for SEC review.
5 The Commission notes that the content outline is attached to the filing, not to this Notice.