OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Health Benefits Election Form, OPM 2809,
3206–0141

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

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) 3206–0141, 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 July 8, 2015 at Volume 80 FR 339165 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 December 21, 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 email 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 email 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.

OPM 2809, Health Benefits Election Form, is used by annuitants and former spouses to elect, cancel, suspend, or change health benefits enrollment during periods other than open season.

Analysis
Title: Health Benefits Election Form.
OMB Number: 3206–0141.
Frequency: On Occasion.
Affected Public: Individuals or Households.
Number of Respondents: 30,000.
Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.
Total Burden Hours: 11,667.

Beth F. Cobert,
Acting Director.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

President’s Commission on White House Fellowships Advisory Committee: Closed Meeting

AGENCY: President’s Commission on White House Fellowships, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The President’s Commission on White House Fellowships (PCWHF) was established by an Executive Order in 1964. The PCWHF is an advisory committee composed of Special Government Employees appointed by the President. The Advisory Committee meet in June to interview potential candidates for recommendation to become a White House Fellow. The meeting is closed.

Name of Committee: President’s Commission on White House Fellowships Selection Weekend.
Date: January 25, 2016.
Time: 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Place: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington, DC.

Agenda: The Commission will talk to current Fellows on how their placements are going and discussion on Selection Weekend and Recruitment.


President’s Commission on White House Fellowships.

Jennifer Paulino,
Deputy Director.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the OPM Performance Review Board.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The board reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of a senior executive’s performance by the supervisor, and considers recommendations to the appointing authority regarding the performance of the senior executive.

Office of Personnel Management.

Beth F. Cobert,
Acting Director.

The following have been designated as members of the Performance Review Board of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management:
Kiran Ahuja, Chief of Staff
Angela Bailey, Chief Operating Officer
Michael Grant, White House Liaison
Dennis Coleman, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Foley, Director—Office of Planning and Policy Analysis
Kenneth Zawodny, Associate Director for Retirement Services
Joseph Kennedy, Associate Director for Human Resources Solutions
Mark Reinhold, Associate Director for Employee Services and Chief Human Capital Officer
Andrea Bright, Deputy Associate Director for Human Resources—Executive Secretariat

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I. Introduction

On November 13, 2015, the Postal Service filed a notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.40 et seq., announcing a Type 2 rate adjustment to improve default rates established under the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Acts.¹ The Notice concerns the inbound portion of a Multi-Product Bilateral Agreement with Korea Post (Agreement) that the Postal Service contends is functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement with China Post (China Post 2010 Agreement) that the Commission included within the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product in the market dominant product list of the Mail Classification Schedule.² Notice at 1–2.

II. Contents of Filing

The Postal Service’s filing consists of the Notice, two attachments, and redacted and unredacted versions of an Excel file with supporting financial workpapers. Notice at 2. Attachment 1 is an application for non-public treatment of material filed under seal with the Commission. Attachment 2 is a redacted copy of the Agreement. Id.

The Postal Service states the intended effective date of the Agreement is January 1, 2016; asserts it is providing at least the 45 days advance notice required under 39 CFR 3010.41; and identifies the parties to the Agreement as the United States Postal Service and Korea Post, the postal operator for the Republic of Korea. Id. at 2–3.

The Postal Service states that the Agreement includes: Revised rates and terms for small packets with delivery scanning; improvement to labels; use of Postal Service barcodes to facilitate sorting; and sortation recommendations. Id. at 4. Reporting requirements. 39 CFR 3010.43 requires the Postal Service to submit a detailed data collection plan. In lieu of a special data collection plan for the Agreement, the Postal Service proposes to report information on the Agreement through the Annual Compliance Report. Id. at 6. The Postal Service also invokes, with respect to service performance measurement reporting under 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3), the standing exception the Commission allowed in Order No. 996 for all agreements filed in the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product grouping.³

Functionally Equivalent Agreement, November 13, 2015, at 1 (Notice).

³ Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing

Consistency with applicable statutory criteria. The Postal Service observes that Commission review of a negotiated service agreement addresses three statutory criteria under 39 U.S.C. 3622(a)(10), as identified in 39 CFR 3010.40, i.e., whether the agreement: (1) Improves the Postal Service’s net financial position or enhances the performance of operational functions; (2) will not cause unreasonable harm to the marketplace; and (3) will be available on public and reasonable terms to similarly situated mailers. Id. at 7. The Postal Service asserts that it addresses the first two criteria in its Notice and that the third is inapplicable, as there are no entities similarly situated to Korea Post in terms of its ability to tender broad-based small packet flows from Korea. Id.

Functional equivalence. The Postal Service addresses reasons why it considers the Agreement functionally equivalent to the China Post 2010 Agreement filed in Docket No. R2010–6.⁴ The Postal Service identifies differences between the Agreement and the baseline agreement, but asserts that these differences do not detract from the conclusion that the Agreement is functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement. Id.

III. Commission Action


The Commission appoints James F. Gallow to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


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

⁴ Id at 8–9; see Order No. 549.