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### I. Executive Summary

NIST is expanding its current APMS direct-hire authority to simplify and expedite hiring in mission critical occupations.

This amendment modifies the August 13, 2012 (77 FR 48128) amendment. Positions in the General Engineering, 801 series; General Physical Science, 1301 series; and Information Technology Management, 2210 series at the Pay Band III and above will be covered under the current NIST APMS direct-hire authority.

NIST will continually monitor the effectiveness of this amendment.

### II. Basis for APMS Plan Modification

In August 2012, NIST published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 48128) which implemented direct-hire authority under 5 U.S.C. 3304(a)(3) on a permanent basis for the Nuclear Reactor Operation position in NIST's Scientific and Engineering Technician (ZT) career path at the Pay Band III and above, and for all positions in NIST's Scientific and Engineering (ZP) career path at the Pay Band III and above except for the Information Technology Management, 2210 series; the General Engineer, 801 series; and the General Physical Science, 1301 series. The modification in 2012 enabled NIST to hire, after public notice is given, any qualified applicant without regard to 5 U.S.C. 3309–3318, 5 CFR part 211, or 5 CFR part 337, subpart A. Based upon NIST's hiring needs and the PMA objective of simplifying and expediting hiring, NIST is expanding its current APMS direct-hire authority to include all positions in the Scientific and Engineering (ZP) career path at the Pay Band III and above.

NIST's APMS allows the NIST Director to modify procedures if no new waiver from law or regulation is added. Given this modification is in accordance with existing law and regulation, the NIST Director is authorized to make the changes described in this notice. The modification to our final **Federal Register** notice, dated October 21, 1997 (62 FR 54604), with respect to our Staffing authorities is provided below.

### III. Changes in the APMS Plan

The APMS at NIST, published in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 1997 (62 FR 54604) is amended as follows:

The information under the subsection titled: "Direct Hire: Critical Shortage Occupations" is replaced with:

NIST uses direct-hire procedures for categories of occupations which require skills that are in short supply. All Nuclear Reactor Operator positions at the Pay Band III and above in the ZT Career Path constitute a shortage category, and all occupations at the Pay Band III and above in the ZP Career Path constitute a shortage category. Any positions in these categories may be filled through direct-hire procedures in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 3304(a)(3). NIST advertises the availability of job opportunities in direct-hire occupations by posting on the OPM USAJOBS website. NIST will follow internal direct-hire procedures for accepting applications and continue to provide consideration to eligible veteran preference applicants.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy (USMA)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal advisory committee meeting will take place.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019, Time 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will be required to show a government photo ID upon entering West Point in order to gain access to the meeting location. All members of the public are subject to security screening.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Building 600 (Taylor Hall), Superintendent's Conference Room, West Point, New York 10996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Deadra K. Ghostlaw, the Designated Federal Officer for the committee, in writing at: Secretary of the General Staff, ATTN: Deadra K. Ghostlaw, 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996; by email at: [deadra.ghostlaw@westpoint.edu](mailto:deadra.ghostlaw@westpoint.edu) or

[BoV@westpoint.edu](mailto:BoV@westpoint.edu); or by telephone at (845) 938–4200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150. The USMA BoV provides independent advice and recommendations to the President of the United States on matters related to morale, discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and any other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** This is the 2019 Spring/Organizational Meeting of the USMA BoV. Members of the Board will be provided updates on Academy issues. Agenda: Introduction; Board Business; Superintendent Topics: Events since last BOV/Semester Highlights; Campaign Plan: Leaders of Character & Culture of Character, Stand Down Day; Diverse and Effective Team: Class of 2023 Update; Modernize, Secure and Reform: Strengthen Partnerships; Upcoming events

**Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first to arrive basis. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Mrs. Ghostlaw, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the committee during the meeting, and members of the public attending the committee meeting will not be permitted to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the committee. Because the committee meeting will be held in a Federal Government facility on a military post, security screening is required. A government photo ID is required to enter post. In order to enter the installation, members of the public must first go to the Visitor Control Center in the Visitor Center and go through a background check before being allowed access to the installation. Members of the public then need to park in Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot and ride the north-bound Central Post Area (CPA) shuttle bus to Thayer Road, get off at the Thayer Road Extension and

walk up the road to the Guard Station; a member of the USMA staff will meet members of the public wishing to attend the meeting at 08:30am and escort them to the meeting location. Please note that all vehicles and persons entering the installation are subject to search and/or an identification check. Any person or vehicle refusing to be searched will be denied access to the installation. Members of the public should allow at least an hour for security checks and the shuttle ride. The United States Military Academy, Taylor Hall, is fully handicap accessible. Wheelchair access is available on the west (Main) entrance of the building. For additional information about public access procedures, contact Mrs. Ghostlaw, the committee's Designated Federal Officer, at the email address or telephone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Written Comments or Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the committee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the committee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mrs. Ghostlaw, the committee Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mrs. Ghostlaw, the committee Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the committee. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the committee Chairperson and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the committee before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the committee until its next meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the committee during the meeting. However, the committee

Designated Federal Official and Chairperson may choose to invite certain submitters to present their comments verbally during the open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the committee Chairperson, may allot a specific amount of time for submitters to present their comments verbally.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Meeting for EAC Board of Advisors

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting for EAC Board of Advisors.

*Date & Time:* Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 8:30 a.m.–5:45 p.m. thru Thursday, April 25, 2019, 8:15–11:45 a.m., MDT.

*Place:* Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, 75 SW Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, 801–531–0800.

*Purpose:* In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Board of Advisors will meet to address its responsibilities under the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), to present its views on issues in the administration of Federal elections, formulate recommendations to the EAC, and receive updates on EAC activities.

*Agenda:* The Board of Advisors will receive an overview and updates on EAC agency operations. The Board will hold an Intel briefing discussion, a panel discussion on Disaster Management & Recovery Working Group presentations, an EAVS presentation, and a panel discussion on accessibility. The Board will receive updates on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 Principles and Guidelines and on the Requirements from NIST and EAC staff. The Board of Advisors will hold discussions on the VVSG 2.0's Technical Requirements. The Board of Advisors will elect new officers, and the Executive Board will appoint subcommittee members and chairs, receive reports from the committees, and consider other administrative matters.

*Supplementary:* Members of the public may submit relevant written

statements to the Board of Advisors with respect to the meeting no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 22, 2019. Statements may be sent via email at [facboards@eac.gov](mailto:facboards@eac.gov), or via standard mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by fax at 301–734–3108.

This meeting will be open to the public.

*Person to contact for information:* Bert Benavides, Telephone: (301) 563–3937.

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*General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR19–20–000]

### Notice of Complaint: American Airlines, Inc. v. Colonial Pipeline Company

Take notice that on April 3, 2019, pursuant to sections 1(5), 6, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16 of the Interstate Commerce Act,<sup>1</sup> section 1803 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct),<sup>2</sup> Rule 206 of the Rules of Practice and Procedures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission),<sup>3</sup> and Rules 343.1(a) and 343.2(c) of the Commission's Procedural Rules Applicable to Oil Pipeline Proceedings,<sup>4</sup> American Airlines, Inc. (Complainant) filed a formal complaint (complaint) against Colonial Pipeline Company (Colonial or Respondent) challenging the lawfulness of the rates charged by Colonial for transportation of petroleum products, including aviation kerosene and jet fuel, from all the origins to all destinations in the challenged tariffs, as more fully explained in the complaint.

The Complainant certifies that a copy of the complaint was served on the contacts for the Respondent as listed on the official service list.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will

<sup>1</sup> 49 U.S.C. App. 1(5), 6, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16.

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 102–486, 106 Stat. 2772 (1992).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 385.206 (2018).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 343.1(a) and 343.2(c) (2018).