It will not, however, review a regulation before its effective date.

(b) After considering the request for regulation review, the Board will issue an order granting or denying the request in whole or in part. Orders in which the Board grants the request, in whole or in part, will identify the agency or agencies involved, if any. They also will include the following:

1. A citation identifying the regulation being challenged;
2. A description of the issues to be addressed;
3. The docket number assigned to the proceedings; and
4. Instructions covering the review proceedings, including information regarding the time limits for filing submissions related to the request.

§ 1203.14 Serving documents.

(a) Parties. In every case, the person requesting regulation review must serve a copy of the request on the Director of OPM. In addition, when the implementation of a regulation is being challenged, the requester must also serve a copy of the request on the head of the implementing agency. A
§ 1203.15 Copy of all other pleadings must be served, by the person submitting the pleading, on each other party to the proceeding.

(b) Method of serving documents. Pleadings may be served on parties by mail, by personal delivery, by facsimile, or by commercial delivery. Service by mail is accomplished by mailing the pleading to each party or representative, at the party’s or representative’s last known address. Service by facsimile is accomplished by transmitting the pleading by facsimile to each party or representative. Service by personal delivery or by commercial delivery is accomplished by delivering the pleading to the business office or home of each party or representative and leaving it with the party or representative, or with a responsible person at that address. Regardless of the method of service, the party serving the document must submit to the Board, along with the pleading, a certificate of service as proof that the document was served on the other parties or their representatives. The certificate of service must list the names and addresses of the persons on whom the pleading was served, must state the date on which the pleading was served, must state the method (i.e., mail, personal delivery, facsimile, or commercial delivery) by which service was accomplished, and must be signed by the person responsible for accomplishing service.

(c) Electronic filing. Other than the initial request for a regulation review, pleadings in a regulation review proceeding may be filed with the Board and served upon other parties by electronic filing, provided the requirements of §1201.14 of this chapter are satisfied.

§ 1203.16 Proceedings.

The Board has substantial discretion in conducting a regulation review under this part. It may conduct a review on the basis of the pleadings alone, or on the basis of the pleadings along with any or all of the following:

(a) Additional written comments;
(b) Oral argument;
(c) Evidence presented at a hearing; and/or
(d) Evidence gathered through any other appropriate procedures that are conducted in accordance with law.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

§ 1203.21 Final order of the Board.

(a) Invalid regulation. If the Board determines that a regulation is invalid on its face, in whole or in part, it will require any agency affected by the order to stop complying with the regulation, in whole or in part. In addition, it may order other remedial action that it finds necessary.

(b) Invalidly implemented regulation. If the Board determines that a regulation has been implemented invalidly, in whole or in part, it will require affected agencies to terminate the invalid implementation.

(c) Corrective action. The Board may order corrective action necessary to ensure compliance with its order. The action it may order includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Cancellation of any personnel action related to the prohibited personnel practice;
2. Rescission of any action related to the cancelled personnel action;
3. Removal of any reference, record, or document within an employee’s official personnel folder that is related to the prohibited personnel practice;
4. Award of back pay and benefits;
5. Award of attorney fees;
6. Other remedial measures to reverse the effects of a prohibited personnel practice; and
7. The agency’s submission of a verified report of its compliance with the Board’s order.

§ 1203.22 Enforcement of order.

(a) Any party may ask the Board to enforce a final order it has issued under this part. The request may be made by