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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on July 14, 1999 (64 FR 38044). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between June 1, 1999, and August 31, 1999, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established during June 1999.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked during June 1999:

Department of Commerce

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Department of Defense

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Department of Justice

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Department of Transportation

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board

All positions. Effective June 21, 1999. No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during July 1999. No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during August 1999.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during June 1999.

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during July 1999.

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during August 1999.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during June, July and August 1999:

Council on Environmental Quality

Policy Analyst to the Chair, Council on Economic Quality. Effective July 7, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Chair. Effective August 12, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist/Deputy Director for Communications to the Director for Communications. Effective August 23, 1999.

Commission on Civil Rights

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective June 11, 1999.

Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service. Effective June 2, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Services Agency. Effective June 17, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective June 23, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency. Effective June 23, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Community Development. Effective July 2, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service. Effective July 2, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective July 2, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective July 12, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Office of Community Development. Effective July 14, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Community Development. Effective July 14, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Housing Service. Effective August 12, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director. Effective August 17, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Associate Chief, Chief Operation Officer. Effective August 24, 1999.

Department of the Air Force (DOD)

Staff Assistant to the Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs. Effective July 9, 1999.

Department of Commerce

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective June 8, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Technology, Technology Administration. Effective June 11, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective June 15, 1999.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Strategic Planning. Effective July 14, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs and Press Secretary. Effective July 19, 1999.

Deputy Director of External Affairs and Director of Scheduling to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective August 4, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective August 9, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Policy and Planning. Effective August 10, 1999.

Deputy Director to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective August 12, 1999.

Deputy Director, to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective August 16, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 26, 1999.

Congressional Affairs Officer to the Associate Director for Communications. Effective August 26, 1999.

Department of Defense

International Counterdrug Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Drug Enforcement, Policy and Support. Effective June 4, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Communications. Effective June 8, 1999. Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Effective July 28, 1999.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Effective August 26, 1999.

Department of Education

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education. Effective June 1, 1999.

Deputy Director to the Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs. Effective June 8, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective June 11, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective June 17, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Effective June 17, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Effective June 17, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Advisor to the Secretary. Effective June 30, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective June 30, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs. Effective July 9, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Briefing Staff. Effective July 15, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective August 4, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary (Director, America Reads Challenge). Effective August 6, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intergovernmental, Constituent Relations, and Corporate Liaison OIIA. Effective August 10, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective August 18, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Briefing Staff. Effective August 19, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective August 19, 1999.

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation. Effective July 14, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer. Effective July 22, 1999.

Legislative Affairs Liaison Officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for House Liaison. Effective July 22, 1999.

Congressional Liaison Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective August 9, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective August 23, 1999.

Director for Indian Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective August 26, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. Effective August 26, 1999.

Department of Health and Human Services

Confidential Assistant to the Strategic Planning and Policy Coordinator. Effective June 23, 1999.

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Congressional Liaison). Effective June 30, 1999.

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Congressional Liaison). Effective June 30, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Human Services). Effective July 2, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Director, Indian Health Service. Effective July 28, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Administration for Children Youth and Families. Effective July 30, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Media). Effective August 16, 1999.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Intergovernmental Relations Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective July 6, 1999.

Special Counsel to the General Counsel. Effective August 31, 1999.

Department of the Interior

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 11, 1999.

Special Assistant to the White House Liaison. Effective June 30, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service. Effective July 2, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Minerals Management Service. Effective August 4, 1999.

Department of Justice

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective July 2, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective July 9, 1999.

Secretary (OA) to the U.S. Attorney, District of Maryland. Effective July 30, 1999.

Secretary (OA) to the U.S. Attorney. Effective July 30, 1999.

Secretary (OA) to the U.S. Attorney. Effective August 9, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Solicitor General. Effective August 26, 1999.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Effective June 25, 1999.

Intergovernmental Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective July 2, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective July 9, 1999.

Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Assistant Secretary Employment Standards Administration. Effective July 30, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Effective August 9, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Labor. Effective August 26, 1999.

Department of the Navy (DOD)

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). Effective August 13, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Navy. Effective August 26, 1999.

Department of State

Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs. Effective June 2, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs. Effective July 2, 1999.

Resources, Plans and Policy Advisor to the Director, Office of the Secretary, Resources, Plans and Policy. Effective July 28, 1999.

Resources, Plans and Policy Advisor to the Director, Office of Resources, Plans and Policy. Effective July 28, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs. Effective July 30, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary of State. Effective August 30, 1999.

Department of Transportation

Intergovernmental Liaison Officer to the Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective August 19, 1999.

Department of the Treasury

Deputy to the Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison. Effective June 17, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Strategic Planning Scheduling and Advance. Effective August 9, 1999.

White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 12, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective August 13, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective August 13, 1999.

Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective August 16, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. Effective August 16, 1999.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs. Effective July 22, 1999.

Special Assistant White House Liaison/Special Projects Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration. Effective July 30, 1999.

Environmental Protection Agency

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 11, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator, Office of Resources and Management. Effective June 15, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator. Effective June 15, 1999.

Deputy Director, Office of Communications and Governmental Relations to the Deputy Regional Administrator, Region Nine. Effective June 17, 1999.

Special Counsel to the Regional Administrator. Effective July 9, 1999.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Advisor for Intergovernmental Affairs to the Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 11, 1999.

Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

Confidential Assistant to the Member. Effective August 26, 1999.

Export-Import Bank of the United States

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the First Vice President and Vice Chairman. Effective July 8, 1999.

Farm Credit Administration

Executive Assistant to the Board Member. Effective July 26, 1999.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Program Support Specialist to the Associate Administrator, Outreach Division, Office of Legislative Affairs. Effective August 9, 1999.

National Credit Union Administration

Communications and Administrative Specialist to the Board Member. Effective June 30, 1999.

National Transportation Safety Board

Family and Government Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Government, Public and Family Matters. Effective August 23, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Member. Effective August 26, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Member. Effective August 26, 1999.

Office of Management and Budget

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director, Education, Income Maintenance, and Labor. Effective June 23, 1999.

Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission

Confidential Assistant to the (Chairman). Effective August 12, 1999.

Counsel to a Commissioner to the Member (Commissioner). Effective August 12, 1999.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Staff Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 16, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Director Supply Reduction. Effective August 16, 1999.

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director Technology Division. Effective June 17, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 22, 1999.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective June 11, 1999.

Special Advisor to the Chairman. Effective June 23, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective August 24, 1999.

Small Business Administration

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs to the Assistant Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective June 2, 1999.

Assistant Administrator for Marketing and Outreach to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective June 8, 1999.

Assistant Administrator for International Trade to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access. Effective June 8, 1999.

Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 11, 1999.

Social Security Administration

Public Affairs Specialist (Speechwriter) to the Deputy Commissioner for Communications. Effective June 11, 1999.

United States Trade and Development Agency

Special Assistant for Public Affairs and Marketing to the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency. Effective June 11, 1999.

Office of the United States Trade Representative

Director of Scheduling to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 2, 1999.

President's Commission on White House Fellowships

Special Assistant to the Director, Presidential Commission on White House Fellowships. Effective July 9, 1999.

Small Business Administration

Assistant Administrator for Public Communications to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective July 1, 1999.

Deputy Scheduler to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 26, 1999.

Deputy Director of Scheduling to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 27, 1999.

Associate Director for Field Operations to the Associate Administrator for Field Operations. Effective July 28, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff/White House Liaison. Effective July 28, 1999.

United States Information Agency

Special Projects Officer to the Director, Office of Citizen Exchanges. Effective August 26, 1999.

United States Tax Court

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective July 30, 1999.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective July 30, 1999.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective July 30, 1999.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 12, 1999.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 12, 1999.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2000-1]

Technical and Settlement Conference; Meeting

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of technical and settlement conference.

SUMMARY: An initial technical and settlement conference has been scheduled in docket no. MC2000-1. The conference will discuss potential settlement. It also will address diversion of mail, the accuracy of estimated net revenue effects, and the possibility, frequency, and level of detail of data collection during the experiment.

DATES: The technical and settlement conference has been scheduled for October 27, 1999. For time and other dates, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held in the Commission's hearing room at 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted P. Gerarden, director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), at 202-789-6838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCA hereby gives notice of a technical and settlement conference to discuss the request [for an experimental mail classification] filed on September 27, 1999, by the United States Postal Service (Postal Service). On September 30, 1999, the Commission issued a notice of the request and provided until October 25, 1999, for parties to file notices of intervention. The Commission also encouraged participants to explore settlement "at the earliest opportunity following the deadline for intervention and,

preferably, prior to the prehearing conference," which is scheduled for October 28 at 11 a.m.¹ Accordingly, OCA is scheduling a technical and settlement conference for October 27, 1999, at 2 p.m.

The Postal Service has expressed a desire for expedition.² In that spirit, OCA has held informal discussions with the Postal Service better to understand the Service's proposal and to indicate questions of interest to OCA. It is desirable that other parties also utilize informal inquiry methods to define the issues, further the exchange of information and explanations between the Postal Service and the participants, and facilitate settlement.³ The Postal Service and other interested parties are requested to have individuals present at the conference who are familiar with the following issues:⁴

1. The extent of potential diversion of mail volume from Standard Mail (A) to the proposed "ride-along" classification.

2. The accuracy of estimated net revenue effects of the proposed "Ride-Along" classification.

3. The possibility, frequency, and level of detail of reporting data during the course of the experiment.

The informal technical and settlement conference will be held October 27, 1999, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Commission's hearing room at 1333 H St., NW., Washington, DC. All interested persons are welcome to attend the conference, but all such persons are placed on notice that attendance at the conference will not confer party status. Any interested person must file pursuant to Rule 20 or 20a of the Commission's rules in order to intervene or to obtain limited participation status in the proceeding.

The Secretary of the Commission is requested to arrange for publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3623.

¹ Order No. 1264, Notice and Order on Filing of Request for Establishment of Experimental "Ride-Along" Classification (and Flat Rate) for Periodicals. Ordering paragraphs 6 and 9 designated OCA to represent the interests of the general public and to act as settlement coordinator in this proceeding. 64 FR 54693-54695.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Expedition and for Waiver of Certain Provisions of Rule 64(h), September 27, 1999, at 2-4.

³ In addition to informal methods, the Commission has authorized parties to conduct formal discovery upon intervention in the proceedings. Order No. 1264 at 11.

⁴ Pending the outcome of settlement negotiations, OCA requests that the Commission treat this list of issues as fulfilling the requirements of paragraph 4 of Order No. 1264.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION**Notice of Visit**

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of visit.

SUMMARY: Pitney Bowes employees will visit the Commission to present a briefing at 10:00 a.m. on Pitney Bowes' "fast forward" system and joint Pitney Bowes/Postal Service activities. This visit has been scheduled as a follow-up to address questions raised by an earlier Commission visit to Pitney Bowes facilities.

DATES: The visit is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Postal Rate Commission (Conference Room), 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, Suite 300, 1333 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001 (202) 789-6840.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. RM99-4; Order No. 1268]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of alterations to Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: The Commission is amending its system of records. The amendments update the longstanding system and establish a second system. These changes will ensure consistency with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

DATES: The amendments take effect November 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send communications regarding this notice to the attention of Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, at 202-789-6820.