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from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Daniel Brinza,**

*Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a New Information Collection; OPM Form 1655 and OPM Form 1655-A

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a new information collection. OPM 1655, Application for Senior Administrative Law Judge, and OPM 1655-A, Geographic Preference Statement for Senior Administrative Law Judge Applicant, are used by retired Administrative Law Judges seeking reemployment on a temporary and intermittent basis to complete hearings of one or more specified case(s) in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act of 1946.

Approximately 150 OPM 1655 are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 94 hours. Approximately 200 OPM 1655-A are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 15-25 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 67 hours.

*Comments are particularly invited on:*

- Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility;
- Whether our estimates of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology;
- And ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, Fax (202) 418-3251 or e-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please be sure to

include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—Juanita H. Love, Program Manager, Administrative Law Judge Program Office, Human Capital Leadership & Merit System, Accountability Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7425, Washington, DC 20415.

### FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:** Karyn D. Lusby, Program Analyst, Administrative Law Judge Program Office, Human Capital Leadership & Merit System, Accountability Division, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7425, Washington, DC 20415, [karyn.lusby@opm.gov](mailto:karyn.lusby@opm.gov).

Office of Personnel Management.

**Dan G. Blair,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Guilford, Center for Leadership and Executive Resources Policy, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, 202-606-1391.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between June 1, 2006, and June 30, 2006. 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 is published each year.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments were approved for June 2006.

### Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments were approved for June 2006.

**Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during June 2006:

*Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President Council on Environmental Quality*

EQGS60019 Associate Director for Agriculture, Lands and Wildlife to the Chairman (Council on Environmental Quality). Effective June 30, 2006.

*Office of Management and Budget*

BOGS60157 Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, E-Government and Information Technology. Effective June 16, 2006.

BOGS60011 Deputy General Counsel to the General Counsel. Effective June 19, 2006.

BOGS60155 Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Budget. Effective June 19, 2006.

*Office of National Drug Control Policy*

QQGS60091 Legislative Analyst to the Associate Director, Office of Legislative Affairs. Effective June 01, 2006.

*Office of Science and Technology Policy*

TSGS60030 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff and General Counsel. Effective June 09, 2006.

*Section 213.3304 Department of State*

DSGS61092 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Effective June 06, 2006.

DSGS61096 Senior Advisor to the Director, Policy Planning Staff. Effective June 09, 2006.

DSGS61095 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective June 13, 2006.

DSGS61089 Supervisory Protocol Officer (Visits) to the Chief of Protocol. Effective June 15, 2006.

DSGS61088 Special Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer. Effective June 16, 2006.

DSGS61094 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Effective June 16, 2006.

DSGS60817 Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 19, 2006.

DSGS61093 Public Affairs Officer to the Chief of Protocol. Effective June 26, 2006.

DSGS61098 Legislative Analyst to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 30, 2006.

DSGS61100 Staff Assistant to the Ambassador-At-Large (War Crimes). Effective June 30, 2006.

*Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury*

DYGS00442 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Public Liaison, Strategic Planning and Business Development). Effective June 30, 2006.

DYGS00472 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for International Affairs. Effective June 30, 2006.

*Section 213.3306 Office of the Secretary of Defense*

DDGS16954 Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legal Affairs). Effective June 02, 2006.

DDGS16946 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). Effective June 09, 2006.

DDGS16950 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology). Effective June 13, 2006.

DDGS16952 Special Administrative Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics). Effective June 23, 2006.

*Section 213.3310 Department of Justice*

DJGS00126 Deputy Chief of Staff and Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General. Effective June 02, 2006.

DJGS00155 Speechwriter to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective June 09, 2006.

DJGS00369 Deputy White House Liaison to the White House Liaison and Counsel to the Attorney General. Effective June 19, 2006.

DJGS00147 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources. Effective June 26, 2006.

DJGS00124 Senior Counsel to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective June 28, 2006.

DJGS00226 Senior Advisor to the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Effective June 28, 2006.

DJGS00279 Deputy Director to the Director, Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison. Effective June 28, 2006.

*Section 213.3311 Department of Homeland Security*

DMGS00518 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Information Analysis. Effective June 01, 2006.

DMGS00531 Counselor to the General Counsel. Effective June 06, 2006.

DMGS00535 Director of Communications for Preparedness to the Under Secretary for Preparedness. Effective June 09, 2006.

DMGS00536 Director of Communications to the Deputy Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Effective June 09, 2006.

DMGS00534 Associate Director of Strategic Communications for Policy to the Director of Strategic Communications. Effective June 13, 2006.

DMGS00533 Advisor for Human Capital to the Under Secretary for Management. Effective June 16, 2006.

DMGS00537 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective June 21, 2006.

DMGS00515 Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs for Miscellaneous Offices to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Effective June 26, 2006.

DMGS00532 Advisor to the Director for Policy to the Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. Effective June 28, 2006.

DMGS00541 Director/Executive Secretariat, Private Sector Advisory Committee to the Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Committees. Effective June 30, 2006.

DMGS00542 Advisor for Intelligence to the Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Effective June 30, 2006.

*Section 213.3312 Department of the Interior*

DIGS01071 Special Assistant to the Solicitor. Effective June 16, 2006.

DIGS01072 Special Assistant—Scheduling and Advance to the Director—Scheduling and Advance. Effective June 30, 2006.

*Section 213.3313 Department of Agriculture*

DAGS00849 Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective June 21, 2006.

DAGS00850 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Rural Development. Effective June 21, 2006.

DAGS00851 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics. Effective June 21, 2006.

DAGS00854 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective June 28, 2006.

DAGS00853 Director, Native American Programs to the Assistant Secretary

- for Congressional Relations. Effective June 30, 2006.
- Section 213.3314 Department of Commerce*
- DCGS00385 Senior Advisor to the Director. Effective June 09, 2006.
- DCGS00492 Confidential Assistant to the Director of Advance. Effective June 09, 2006.
- DCGS60205 Policy Advisor to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 09, 2006.
- DCGS60272 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance. Effective June 09, 2006.
- DCGS60380 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary, International Trade Administration. Effective June 09, 2006.
- DCGS00288 Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective June 21, 2006.
- DCGS00640 Speechwriter to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective June 21, 2006.
- Section 213.3315 Department of Labor*
- DLGS60174 Special Assistant to the Director of Operations. Effective June 13, 2006.
- DLGS60041 Staff Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 26, 2006.
- DLGS60144 Staff Assistant to the White House Liaison. Effective June 28, 2006.
- DLGS60077 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 30, 2006.
- Section 213.3316 Department of Health and Human Services*
- DHGS60057 Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement. Effective June 09, 2006.
- DHGS60058 Confidential Assistant to the Director, Congressional Liaison Office. Effective June 16, 2006.
- DHGS60059 Deputy Director for Regional Outreach and Operations to the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 21, 2006.
- DHGS60127 Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Effective June 30, 2006.
- DHGS60418 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Policy and Strategy) to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective June 30, 2006.
- DHGS60570 Confidential Assistant (Advance) to the Deputy Director for Advance. Effective June 30, 2006.
- Section 213.3317 Department of Education*
- DBGS00516 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Effective June 02, 2006.
- DBGS00537 Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 02, 2006.
- DBGS00538 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 19, 2006.
- DBGS00540 Confidential Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Advance Staff. Effective June 26, 2006.
- DBGS00541 Special Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Effective June 26, 2006.
- DBGS00542 Special Assistant to the Executive Assistant. Effective June 26, 2006.
- DBGS00535 Senior Advisor to the Secretary to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 30, 2006.
- DBGS00539 Special Assistant to the Senior Counselor to the Secretary. Effective June 30, 2006.
- DBGS00543 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective June 30, 2006.
- DBGS00544 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective June 30, 2006.
- DBGS00545 Director, Regional Services to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective June 30, 2006.
- DBGS00548 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Media Relations and Strategic Communications. Effective June 30, 2006.
- Section 213.3318 Environmental Protection Agency*
- EPGS06018 Program Manager (Operations) to the Administrator. Effective June 16, 2006.
- EPGS03200 Director of Scheduling to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective June 21, 2006.
- EPGS06012 Director of Advance to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective June 26, 2006.
- EPGS06013 Strategic Scheduler to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective June 26, 2006.
- EPGS06014 Audio Visual Producer to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective June 26, 2006.
- EPGS06015 Staff Secretary to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 26, 2006.
- EPGS06016 Advance Specialist to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective June 26, 2006.
- Section 213.3323 Overseas Private Investment Corporation*
- PQGS06015 Special Assistant to the Vice President, Investment Funds. Effective June 26, 2006.
- Section 213.3325 United States Tax Court*
- JCGS60072 Trial Clerk to the Chief Judge. Effective June 15, 2006.
- Section 213.3327 Department of Veterans Affairs*
- DVGS60050 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 13, 2006.
- Section 213.3331 Department of Energy*
- DEGS00524 Assistant Press Secretary to the Director, Public Affairs. Effective June 02, 2006.
- DEGS00523 Trip Coordinator to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective June 21, 2006.
- DEGS00525 Deputy White House Liaison to the White House Liaison. Effective June 21, 2006.
- DEGS00526 Trip Coordinator to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective June 27, 2006.
- DEGS00527 Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective June 27, 2006.
- Section 213.3332 Small Business Administration*
- SBGS60169 Regional Administrator, Region I, Boston, Massachusetts to the Associate Administrator for Field Operations. Effective June 09, 2006.
- Section 213.3337 General Services Administration*
- GSGS60095 White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 26, 2006.
- GSGS00179 Small Business Specialist to the Associate Administrator for Small Business Utilization. Effective June 30, 2006.
- Section 213.3356 Commission on Civil Rights*
- CCGS00017 Special Assistant to a Commissioner. Effective June 26, 2006.
- Section 213.3384 Department of Housing and Urban Development*
- DUGS60187 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective June 16, 2006.
- Section 213.3394 Department of Transportation*
- DTGS60054 Associate Director for Governmental Affairs to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs. Effective June 16, 2006.

DTGS60337 Executive Director for Public Affairs to the Administrator. Effective June 21, 2006.

DTGS60381 Chief of Staff to the Administrator. Effective June 27, 2006.

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

Office of Personnel Management.

**Dan G. Blair,**

*Deputy Director.*

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*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Application for Spouse Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act; OMB 3220-0042 Section 2(c) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), provides for the payment of annuities to spouses of railroad retirement annuitants who meet the requirements under the RRA. The age requirements for a spouse annuity depend on the employee's age and date of retirement and the employee's years of railroad service. The requirements relating to the annuities are prescribed in 20 CFR 216, 218, 219, 232, 234, and 295.

The RRB currently uses the electronic AA-3cert, *Application Summary and Certification* process and manual Form AA-3, *Application for Spouse/Divorced Spouse Annuity*, to obtain the information needed to determine an applicant's entitlement to an annuity and the amount of the annuity.

The AA-3cert process obtains information from an applicant by means of an interview with an RRB field-office representative. During the interview, the field-office representative enters the information obtained into an on-line information system. Upon completion of the interview, the applicant receives Form AA-3cert, *Application Summary and Certification*, which summarizes the information that was provided by/or verified by the applicant, for review and signature. The RRB also uses manual Form AA-3 in instances where the RRB representative is unable to contact the applicant in person or by telephone; *i.e.*, the applicant lives in another country.

The RRB estimates the burden for the collection as follows:

**Estimated Burden**

**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Form No.	Estimated annual responses	Estimated completion time (per response)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
AA-3cert .....	8,400	30	4,200
AA-3 (manual) .....	100	58	97
Total .....	8,500	.....	4,297

The RRB proposes to add new items to Form(s) AA-3cert and AA-3 to further document an applicant's most recent nonrailroad work. The items ask for the applicant's most recent job title and whether their employer is a seasonal employer. Non-burden-impacting changes are proposed to the certification statements of Form(s) AA-3cert and AA-3 that are intended to provide additional specificity regarding post-application events that require an applicant to contact the RRB. Other non-burden impacting, editorial (clarification) and formatting changes to Form AA-3cert and Form AA-3 are also proposed. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

*Additional Information or Comments:* To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to [Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV). Comments

regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to [Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV). Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Charles Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission; Office of Filings and Information Services Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 17f-1(b); SEC File No. 270-28; OMB Control No. 3235-0032.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Rule 17f-1(b): Requirements for reporting and inquiry with respect to missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities

Rule 17f-1(b) (17 CFR 240.17f-1(b)) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (the "Act") requires approximately 26,000 entities in the securities industry to register in the Lost and Stolen Securities Program ("Program"). Registration fulfills a statutory requirement that entities report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Registration also allows entities in the securities industry to gain access to a confidential database that stores information for the Program.