astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

AGENDA: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: January 5, 2010.

Susanne E. Bolton,
Committee Management Officer.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have finalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to define the cooperative working relationship between the agencies in each agency’s preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents related to the extraction of uranium and thorium on public lands administered by BLM. The MOU was finalized on November 30, 2009. The MOU will improve the interagency communications, facilitate the sharing of special expertise and information, and coordinate the preparation of studies, reports and environmental (NEPA) documents.

II. Summary

The MOU provides a framework for this cooperative relationship and identifies the responsibilities of each agency. The intent of the MOU is to improve interagency communications, facilitate the sharing of special expertise and information, and coordinate the preparation of studies, reports and environmental (NEPA) documents associated with NRC licensing actions and the BLM administration of public lands. The implementation of the MOU will occur through periodic meetings between the NRC and BLM management to ensure coordination, establishing points of contact at each agency, identifying information gaps that can be filled by each agency, and ensuring that specific environmental resources issues of interest to each agency are covered in each environmental review. To the fullest extent possible, NRC and BLM will participate either as lead agency, co-lead or cooperating agency on the preparation of site-specific environmental documents.

III. Further Information


Publicly available documents related to this notice can be accessed using the following methods:

1. NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR): The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC’s PDR, Public File Area 01 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

2. NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available electronically at the NRC’s Electronic Reading Room at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC’s public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC’s PDR reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The “Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an Independent Agency” is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML093430195.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of December 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patrice M. Bubar,
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POSTAL SERVICE

Board of Governors; Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 3:30 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2010; and 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

PLACE: Newport Beach, California, at the Fairmont Hotel, 4500 MacArthur Boulevard.

STATUS: (Closed)

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Strategic Issues.
3. Pricing.
5. Governors’ Executive Session—Discussion of prior agenda items and Board Governance.

Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 a.m. (Closed)

1. Continuation of Monday’s agenda.


Julie S. Moore,
Secretary.

Matters to be considered publicly available:

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on January 14, 2010, 9 a.m. at the Board’s meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

Portion open to the public:
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


Extension: Rule 17Ad-11; SEC File No. 270–261; OMB Control No. 3235–0274.


Rule 17Ad-11 requires all registered transfer agents to report to issuers and the appropriate regulatory agency in the event that aged record differences exceed certain dollar value thresholds. An aged record difference occurs when an issuer’s records do not agree with those of securityowners as indicated, for instance, on certificates presented to the transfer agent for purchase, redemption or transfer. In addition, the rule requires transfer agents to report to the appropriate regulatory agency in the event of a failure to post certificate detail to the master securityholder file within 5 business days of the time required by Rule 17Ad-10 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-10). Also, transfer agents must maintain a copy of each report prepared under Rule 17Ad-11 for a period of three years following the date of the report. This recordkeeping requirement assists the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

Because the information required by Rule 17Ad-11 is already available to transfer agents, any collection burden for small transfer agents is minimal. Based on a review of the number of Rule 17Ad-11 reports the Commission, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation received since 2006, the Commission estimates that 25 respondents will file a total of approximately 30 reports annually. The Commission estimates that each report can be completed in 30 minutes. Therefore, the total annual hourly burden to the entire transfer agent industry is approximately 15 hours (30 minutes multiplied by 30 reports). Assuming an average hourly rate of a transfer agent staff employee of $25, the average total cost of the report is $125.50. The total cost for the approximate 25 respondents is approximately $750.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-11 is three years following the date of a report prepared pursuant to the rule. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-11 is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an e-mail to: (i) Shagufa Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Charles Boucher, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to PHA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.


Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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