Appendices to Requirements for Processing, Clearing and Transfer of Customer Positions—Commission Voting Summary and Statements of Commissioners

Appendix 1—Commission Voting Summary

On this matter, Chairman Gensler and Commissioners Dunn, Sommers, Chilton and O’Malia voted in the affirmative; no Commissioner voted in the negative.

Appendix 2—Statement of Chairman Gary Gensler

I support the proposed rulemaking regarding straight-through processing because it furthers the goal of expanding access to and strengthening the financial integrity of the swap markets. These proposed regulations would require and establish uniform standards for prompt processing, submission and acceptance for clearing of swaps eligible for clearing. Such uniform standards, similar to the practices in the futures markets, lower risk because they allow market participants to get the prompt benefit of clearing rather than having to first enter into a bilateral transaction that would subsequently be moved into a clearinghouse.

In addition, I support the requirement for prompt and efficient transfer of customer positions from a carrying clearing member of a clearinghouse to another clearing member of the clearinghouse, upon a customer’s request. This would promote efficiency and avoid unnecessary delay and market disruption. Furthermore, users of derivatives could get the benefit of greater competition amongst clearing members.

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20 CFR Parts 404, 405, and 416
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Compassionate Allowances for Autoimmune Disease, Office of the Commissioner; Hearing

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: We developed “Compassionate Allowances” to provide benefits quickly to applicants whose medical conditions obviously meet the definition of disability under the Social Security Act (Act) and can be identified with minimal objective medical information. In December 2007, April 2008, November 2008, July 2009, November 2009, and November 2010, we held Compassionate Allowance public hearings to help us identify the diseases and other serious medical conditions that we should consider under the Compassionate Allowance process. These hearings concerned rare diseases, cancers, traumatic brain injury and stroke, early-onset Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, schizophrenia, and cardiovascular disease and multiple organ transplants, respectively. We will hold our next hearing on March 16 to address the advisability and possible methods of identifying and implementing compassionate allowances for both adults and children with autoimmune diseases. While the public is welcome to attend the hearing, only scheduled witnesses will present testimony. We plan to address other medical conditions at subsequent hearings.

DATES: This hearing will be held on March 16, 2011, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), in Baltimore, Maryland. The hearing will be held at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel in the International Ballroom. The hotel’s address is 101 West Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21201–3703. You may also watch the proceedings live via Webcast beginning at 9 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST). You may access the Webcast line for the hearing on the Social Security Administration Web site at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances/.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments about the compassionate allowances initiative with respect to adults and children with autoimmune diseases, as well as topics covered at the hearing by:

• E-mail addressed to Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov; or

• Mail to Jamillah Jackson, Deputy Director, Office of Compassionate Allowances and Disability Outreach, ODP, ORDP, Social Security Administration, 4671 Annex Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235–6401. We welcome your comments, but we may not respond directly to comments sent in response to this notice of hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov. You may also mail inquiries about this hearing to Jamillah Jackson, Deputy Director, Office of Compassionate Allowances and Disability Outreach, ODP, ORDP, Social Security Administration, 4671 Annex Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235–6401. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number 1–800–772–1213 or TTY 1–800–325–0778, or visit Social Security online, at http://www.socialsecurity.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background
Under the disability programs in titles II and XVI of the Act, we pay benefits to individuals who meet our rules for entitlement and have medically determinable physical or mental impairments that are severe enough to meet the statutory definition of disability. The rules for determining disability can be very complicated, but some individuals have such serious medical conditions that their conditions obviously meet our disability standards with minimal objective medical evidence alone. To better address the needs of these individuals, we are looking into ways to allow benefits as quickly as possible based on minimal objective medical information.

Will we respond to your comments?
We will carefully consider your comments, although we will not respond directly to comments sent in response to this notice or the hearing.

Additional Hearings
You may access the transcripts of our prior hearings at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances/. We plan to hold additional hearings on other conditions and will announce those hearings with notices in the Federal Register.

DATES: We will accept written comments until 4 p.m., local time on March 28, 2011. The public hearing will be held on March 21, 2011, at 6 p.m. local time.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “MD–056–FOR; Docket ID: OSM–2010–0008” by either of the following two methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. The proposed rule has been assigned Docket ID: OSM–2010–0008. If you would like to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the instructions.

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Mr. George Rieger, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Three Parkway Center, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Instructions: For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see III. Public Comment Procedures in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of the proposed rule published on January 28, 2011. Public Hearing: The public hearing will be held at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 80 Compromise Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 on March 21, 2011, at 6 p.m. local time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Rieger, Chief, Pittsburgh Field Division, Telephone: (412) 937–2153. Email: grieger@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 28, 2011, (76 FR 5103) we published a proposed rule that would revise the Maryland program. The revisions would add regulations to the Maryland program to regulate coal combustion byproducts and to establish requirements pertaining to the generation, storage, handling, processing, disposal, recycling, beneficial use, or other use of coal combustion byproducts (CCBs) within the State. In total, these regulations pertain to all CCB activities in the State, not just surface coal mining and reclamation operations. However, a section of the added regulations specifically pertains to surface coal mining and reclamation operations and is proposed to be part of Maryland’s federally approved state program. The regulation specific to surface coal mining and reclamation operations has been added as a new regulation, Regulation .08 under COMAR 26.20.24, Special Performance Standards.

Specifically, Maryland’s Regulation .08 Utilization of Coal Combustion Byproducts, will include paragraphs A–H on the Purpose and Scope, Conditions for Utilization, and Testing and Monitoring. Additionally, Maryland is adding a Coal Combustion Byproducts Utilization Request requirement that will require a solids analysis of the CCBs and a Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure (TCLP) leachate analysis of the CCBs. Maryland may also impose additional controls or conditions on the use of CCBs as it sees fit for the protection of human health and the environment.

On February 14, 2011, (Administrative Record Number MD–588–010), we received a request from an attorney representing the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club to extend the comment period and to hold a public hearing on the amendment. We are granting the request to extend the public comment period to afford the public more time to comment on the amendment and to allow enough time to schedule and hold the hearing. The date, time and location for the public hearing may be found under DATES and ADDRESSES above.

The hearings will be open to anyone who would like to attend and/or testify. The primary purpose of the public hearing is to obtain your comments on the proposed rule so that we can prepare a complete and objective analysis of the proposal. The purpose of the hearing officer is to conduct the hearing and receive the comments submitted. Comments submitted during the hearing will be responded to in the preamble to the final rule, not at the hearing. We appreciate all comments but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on the final rule will be those that either involve personal experience or include citations to, and analyses of, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, its implementing regulations, case law, other State or Federal laws and regulations, data,