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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 2 of RG 1.106 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1264. This regulatory guide describes a method acceptable to the NRC staff regarding the application of thermal overload protection devices. This method would ensure that the thermal overload protection devices will not needlessly prevent the motor from performing its safety-related function.

II. Further Information

DG-1264, was published in the **Federal Register** on May 02, 2011 (76 FR 24538) for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on June 28, 2011. The NRC staff's responses to the public comments on DG-1264 are available under ADAMS Accession Number ML112580363.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this final regulatory guide does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52. As discussed in the "Implementation" discussion of this regulatory guide, the NRC has no current intention to impose this regulatory guide on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses. Accordingly, the issuance of this regulatory guide does not constitute "backfitting" as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or is otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52.

This regulatory guide may be applied to applications for operating licenses

and combined licenses docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications for operating licenses and combined licenses submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such action does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or is otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR Part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the relevant issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of February 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mark P. Orr,

Acting Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

January 2012 Pay Schedules

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President has signed an Executive order containing the 2012 pay schedules for certain Federal civilian employees. The rates of pay for these employees will not be increased in 2012 and remain at 2010/2011 levels, except for employees in nonforeign areas. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Dismond, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858; Fax (202) 606-0824; or email to pay-leave-policy@opm.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 19, 2011, the President signed Executive Order 13594 (76 FR 80191), which documented the January 2012 pay schedules. Pursuant to Public Law 111-242, as amended by Public Law 111-322 (December 22, 2010), the Executive order provides that the 2012 pay rates for most civilian employee pay schedules covered by the order are not adjusted and remain at 2010/2011 levels. Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13594 provides the rates for the 2012 General Schedule (GS) and reflects no increase from 2010/2011. Executive Order 13594 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2012 locality

payments, which remain at 2010/2011 levels except for employees in nonforeign areas. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13594.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13594 that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2012 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2012, locality payments ranging from 14.16 percent to 35.15 percent apply to GS employees in the 34 locality pay areas. The 2012 locality pay area definitions can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/12tables/locdef.asp>.

The 2012 locality pay percentages became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012 (January 1, 2012). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.) As provided under the Nonforeign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 (subtitle B of title XIX of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub. L. 111-84, October 28, 2009)), the locality rate for each nonforeign area will be set at the full applicable locality rate in January 2012. Employees in nonforeign areas entitled to cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) (i.e., Alaska, Hawaii, and other nonforeign areas as defined in 5 CFR 591.207) have corresponding reductions in their COLAs when locality rates increase.

Executive Order 13594 documents that the Executive Schedule rates of pay remain at the 2010/2011 levels. By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13594 documents the 2012 range of rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES remains at \$119,554 in 2012. The maximum rate of the SES rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by an SES performance appraisal system that has not been certified.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and professional (ST) rate range remains at

\$119,554 in 2012. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees covered by an SL/ST performance appraisal system that has not been certified. Agencies with certified performance appraisal systems in 2012 for SES members and employees in SL and ST positions also must apply a higher aggregate limitation on pay—up to the Vice President's salary (\$230,700 in 2012, the same level as in 2010/2011).

Executive Order 13594 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are not increased in 2012. The rate of basic pay for AL-1 remains at \$155,500 (equivalent to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule). The rate of basic pay for AL-2 remains at \$151,800. The rates of basic pay for AL-3/A through 3/F continue to range from \$103,900 to \$143,700.

The rates of basic pay for members of Contract Appeals Boards are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, these rates of basic pay are not increased in 2012.

On October 28, 2011, the Director of OPM issued a memorandum on behalf of the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and OPM) that continues GS locality payments for ALJs and certain other non-GS employee categories in 2012. By law, officials paid under the Executive Schedule, SES members, employees in SL/ST positions, and employees in certain other equivalent pay systems are not authorized to receive locality payments. (**Note:** An exception applies to certain grandfathered SES, SL, and ST employees stationed in a nonforeign area on January 2, 2010.) Except for employees in nonforeign areas, the locality payments continued for non-GS employees have not been increased in 2012. The memo is available at http://www.opm.gov/flsa/oca/11tables/Extend_2012.pdf.

On December 21, 2011, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2011-21) on the Executive order for the 2012 pay schedules. (See <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/index.asp>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 13594 and provided the 2012 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other

related information. The "2012 Salary Tables" posted on OPM's Web site at www.opm.gov/oca/12tables/index.asp are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

John Berry,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations plans to meet on the following dates—
 Wednesday, April 18, 2012.
 Wednesday, May 16, 2012.
 Wednesday, June 20, 2012.
 Wednesday, July 18, 2012.
 Wednesday, September 19, 2012.
 Wednesday, October 17, 2012.
 Wednesday, November 28, 2012.

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 1350, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20415. Interested parties should consult the Council Web site at www.lmrcouncil.gov for the latest information on Council activities, including changes in meeting dates.

The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations, Federal management organizations, and senior government officials. The Council was established by Executive Order 13522, entitled, "Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services," which was signed by the President on December 9, 2009. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council assists in the implementation of Labor Management Forums throughout the government and makes recommendations to the President on innovative ways to improve delivery of services and products to the public while cutting costs and advancing employee interests. The Council is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget.

At its meetings, the Council will continue its work in promoting

cooperative and productive relationships between labor and management in the executive branch, by carrying out the responsibilities and functions listed in Section 1(b) of the Executive Order. The meetings are open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at the meeting. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Curry, Deputy Associate Director for Partnership and Labor Relations, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H28-E, Washington, DC 20415. Phone (202) 606-2930 or email at PLR@opm.gov.

For the National Council.

John Berry,

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the annuitant works for a railroad