

that might not otherwise be appealable to the Board may be challenged as an individual right of action (IRA) appeal under the Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA) or as an appeal under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) or the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA). An explanation of these three types of appeals is provided in Appendix A.

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and in the new box 16, which provides as follows:

Explain briefly why you think the agency was wrong in taking this action. In challenging such an action, you may choose to allege that the agency engaged in harmful procedural error, committed a prohibited practice, or engaged in one of the other claims listed in Appendix A. Attach the agency's proposal letter, decision letter, and SF-50, if available. Attach additional sheets if necessary (bearing in mind that there will be later opportunities to supplement your filings).

As a result of this change, current boxes 13a, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 have been replaced with revised boxes 13, 14, 15, and 16. Current box 19, asking the appellant "[w]hat action would you like the Board to take in this case [,]" has been eliminated, as superfluous. Moreover, the language of current box 20 (revised box 17), has been changed to eliminate the request for information about the agency against which any negotiated grievance has been filed (as this agency will almost certainly be the same as the one having taken the personnel action itself). Finally, revised

boxes 18 and 19, requesting information related to exhaustion of remedies in IRA and USERRA/VEOA appeals, respectively, replace current boxes 31, 32, and 33.

Part 3—OPM or Agency Retirement Decision: This section remains largely unchanged. Current boxes 26 and 27, requesting information regarding if and when a final retirement decision has been received, have been consolidated into revised box 24. Current box 29, asking the appellant "[w]hat action would you like the Board to take in this case[,]" has been eliminated, as superfluous.

Part 4—Designation of Representative: As previously noted, the current Part 4, soliciting information about affirmative defenses, has been eliminated. The revised Part 4 replaces the current Part 6, with some slight changes in language.

Part 5—Certification: As previously noted, the current Part 5, providing information about IRA, USERRA, and VEOA appeals, has been eliminated. The revised Part 5 contains the appellant certification, presently included in Part 1 of the form, along with the Privacy Act Statement and Public Reporting Burden.

Appendix A and B: As previously noted, Appendix A provides information regarding affirmative defenses and IRA, USERRA, and VEOA appeals, as well as the special time limits for filing such appeals, making this material available to those to whom it applies, while otherwise streamlining

and simplifying the appeal form itself. Appendix B provides full contact information for each of the Board's regional offices, together with their corresponding geographic areas.

**Estimated Reporting Burden**

In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the MSPB is soliciting comments on the public reporting burden for this information collection. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to 4 hours, with an average of 60 minutes per response, including time for reviewing the form and instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data necessary, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Specifically, the MSPB invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the MSPB's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN**

5 CFR Parts	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201, 1208, and 1209 .....	7,150	1	7,150	1.0	7,150

**William D. Spencer,**  
*Clerk of the Board.*

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (12-104)]

**NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Planetary Protection Subcommittee; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public

Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Planetary Protection Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Subcommittee reports to the Science Committee of the NAC. The Meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting from the scientific community and other person's scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

**DATES:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Local Time.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Room 7H45 and 9H40, respectively, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Marian Norris, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-4452, fax (202) 358-4118, or [mnorris@nasa.gov](mailto:mnorris@nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The meeting will also be available telephonically and by WebEx. Any interested person may call the USA toll free conference call number 800-988-9533, pass code PPS, to participate in this meeting by telephone. The WebEx link is <https://nasa.webex.com/>, the meeting number on December 19 is 994 053 572, password PPS@Dec19; the meeting number on December 20 is 997 808 043,

password PPS@Dec20. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Update on NASA Planetary Protection Activities
- Potential Technology Investments to Support Planetary Protection Requirements

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID to Security before access to NASA Headquarters. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport and visa in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 working days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee; and home address to Marian Norris via email at [mnorris@nasa.gov](mailto:mnorris@nasa.gov) or by fax at (202) 358-1377. U.S. citizens and green card holders are requested to submit their name and affiliation 3 working days prior to the meeting to Marian Norris.

**Susan M. Burch,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Agency Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street (All visitors must use Diagonal Road Entrance), Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Alternatives to the Use of Credit Ratings.
2. NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Fidelity Bond and Insurance Coverage for Federal Credit Unions.
3. Request from Focus Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Community Charter.

4. Request from The Atlantic Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Community Charter.

5. Temporary Corporate Credit Union Stabilization Fund Budget.

**RECESS:** 11:15 a.m.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Creditor Claim Appeal. Closed pursuant to exemptions (4) and (6).
2. Termination of Investment Pilot Programs. Closed pursuant to exemption (8).
3. Personnel. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Rupp, Secretary of the Board, Telephone: 703-518-6304.

**Mary Rupp,**

*Board Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2013-21; Order No. 1555]

### New International Mail Contract

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to enter into an additional Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 3 contract. This document invites public comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 6, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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## I. Introduction

*Notice of filing.* On November 26, 2012, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it is entering into an additional Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) 3 contract (Contract).<sup>1</sup> The Notice was filed in accordance with 39 CFR 3015.5. Notice at 1. The Postal Service seeks to have the instant Contract included within GEPS 3 product on grounds of functional equivalency to a previously approved baseline agreement. *Id.* at 2.

*Background.* Customers for GEPS contracts are small- or medium-sized businesses that mail products directly to foreign destinations using Express Mail International, Priority Mail International, or both. *Id.* at 4. The Commission added GEPS 1 to the competitive product list, based on Governors' Decision No. 08-7, by operation of Order No. 86. *Id.* at 1. It later approved the addition of GEPS 3 contracts to the competitive product list as a result of Docket Nos. MC2010-28 and CP2010-71.<sup>2</sup> The Commission designated the contract filed in Docket No. CP2010-71 as the baseline agreement for purposes of establishing the functional equivalency of other agreements proposed for inclusion within the GEPS 3 product. *Id.* at 1-2.

## II. Contents of Filing

The filing includes a Notice, along with the following attachments:

- Attachment 1—a redacted copy of the instant contract;
- Attachment 2—a redacted copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7; and
- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of material filed under seal.

The material filed under seal consists of unredacted copies of the contract and supporting financial documents. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service filed redacted versions of the sealed financial documents in public Excel spreadsheets.

*Functional equivalency.* The Postal Service asserts that the instant Contract and the baseline contract are functionally equivalent because they share similar cost and market

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, November 26, 2012 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> See Docket Nos. MC2010-28 and CP2010-71, Order No. 503, Order Approving Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, July 29, 2010.