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**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 11, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street NW., Room 11800, Washington, DC 20570.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William B. Cowen, Solicitor, National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20570. Telephone: (202) 273-2910 (this is not a toll-free number), 1-866-315-6572 (TTY/TDD).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Labor Relations Board is centralizing the services of several Headquarters' offices and restructuring them into one independent Division of Legal Counsel. This new Division will have three branches—(1) Ethics, Employment and Administrative Law, (2) Contempt, Compliance and Special Litigation, and (3) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Branch. When dealing with matters on behalf of the five-member Board or the various Board-side offices, the Division of Legal Counsel will coordinate through the Office of the Solicitor.

The Ethics, Employment and Administrative Law Branch will provide the Agency with legal counsel and advice in the areas of labor relations, employment and personnel law (including claims involving MSPB, FLRA, EEOC, U.S. Office of Special Counsel), government contracting, Federal Tort Claims Act matters, and government and bar ethics.

The Contempt, Compliance and Special Litigation Branch will provide compliance and contempt advice and litigation involving, among other things, the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act and compliance with outstanding court judgments; conduct litigation and provide the Agency with advice and assistance when programs, statutes or outside proceedings threaten the Agency's ability to carry out its mission; ensure Agency compliance with government regulations that affect its work, such as the Administrative Procedures Act, statutes relating to Agency rulemaking, the Sunshine Act, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Right to Financial Privacy Act; and provide guidance and conduct litigation involving FOIA and Privacy Act issues.

The FOIA Branch will provide advice on FOIA and some related Privacy Act

issues; handle all FOIA requests and appeals for Headquarters and Regional Offices; and prepare FOIA guideline memoranda and annual FOIA reports.

Lead Technology Counsel will conduct litigation and provide advice and assistance involving e-litigation matters.

These administrative changes are prompted by the Agency's streamlining initiative and is responsive to the requests for "one-stop shopping" for technical expertise from internal customers, to allow them to better focus on their mission-critical functions.

The following Headquarters' offices will be affected by these administrative changes:

Labor Relations and Special Counsel moves from the Division of Operations-Management to the Ethics, Employment and Administrative Law Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel;

Government Ethics moves from Administration Division and Bar Ethics moves from the Division of Enforcement Litigation to the Ethics, Employment and Administrative Law Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel;

Special Litigation Branch, and Contempt Litigation and Compliance Branch moves from Enforcement Litigation Division to Contempt, Compliance and Special Litigation Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel;

FOIA processing and preparation of FOIA guidance and reporting functions of the Research and Policy Planning Branch moves from the Division of Advice to the FOIA Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel. Additionally, FOIA appeals processing on the Board-side moves from the Solicitor's Office and FOIA appeals processing on the General Counsel-side moves from the Office of Appeals in the Enforcement Litigation Division to the FOIA Branch of the Division of Legal Counsel with Jennifer Abruzzo as the Chief FOIA Officer for the Agency; and

Lead Technology Counsel moves from the Division of Enforcement Litigation and will directly report to the Associate General Counsel of the Division.

These administrative changes are being adopted in order to centralize the services of several Headquarters' offices, eliminate duplication of functions, improve the delivery of services, and streamline, integrate and enhance management functions. Because these administrative changes relate to the internal management of the Agency, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, they are exempted from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: Washington, DC, July 19, 2013.

By direction of the Board.

**William B. Cowen,**

*Solicitor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of a teleconference meeting of the Committee on Strategy and Budget.

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** National Science Board.

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, July 29, 2013 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**SUBJECT MATTER:** Discussion of NSF FY 2015 budget development.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held by teleconference originating at the National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

**UPDATES:** Please refer to the National Science Board Web site [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb) for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>.

**AGENCY CONTACT:** Jacqueline Meszaros, contact at (703) 292-7000.

**Ann Bushmiller,**

*NSB Senior Legal Counsel.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. PI2013-1; Order No. 1782]

### Public Inquiry on Competitive Products Fund

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is establishing a proceeding to review several issues concerning the Competitive Products Fund. These include inter-fund transfers (of amounts from the Postal Service Fund to the Competitive Products Fund); the use of amounts from the Competitive Products Fund to prepay certain costs; and

calculation and transfer of the assumed federal income tax. The Commission is also issuing a related information request directed to the Postal Service. Following receipt of the Postal Service's responses, the Commission may take further steps, including issuance of a notice of inquiry or an invitation for public comment. This notice informs the public of this proceeding and the information request and takes other administrative steps.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**I. Introduction**

In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Annual Compliance Determination Report (ACD), the Commission found that transfers between the Postal Service Fund and the Competitive Products Fund raised several issues of first impression.<sup>1</sup> The Commission stated that it would initiate a proceeding to review transfers from the Postal Service Fund to the Competitive Products Fund, the use of amounts from the Competitive Products Fund to prepay competitive products' future years' institutional costs, and the calculation and transfer of the assumed federal income tax. *Id.* (citing 39 U.S.C. 2011(h)(2)(C)(ii) and 39 CFR 3060.42).

**II. Background**

In Docket No. ACR2012, the Commission found that beginning in October 2012, the National Trial Balance showed a zero balance for Account Number 12010.000 Competitive Products Investments Fund, and the corresponding Competitive Products Fund line item was eliminated from Table III-Detail of Treasury Securities Outstanding of the Monthly Statement of the Public Debt of the United States.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service informed the Commission that the zero balance likely resulted from a transfer of the balance in the Competitive Products Fund to the Postal Service Fund to prepay competitive products' shares of

future years' institutional costs.<sup>3</sup> The zero balance in the Competitive Products Fund raised concerns that the Postal Service would be unable to comply with 39 U.S.C. 3634, which requires that the Postal Service transfer the assumed federal income tax on competitive products for the previous fiscal year from the Competitive Products Fund to the Postal Service Fund by January 15th each year.

The Postal Service explained that on October 12, 2012, it transferred the balance of the Competitive Products Fund to the Postal Service Fund. *Id.* The Postal Service stated that the assumed federal income tax transfer occurred on January 10, 2013 by transferring the amount representing the Net Income after Tax from the Postal Service Fund to the Competitive Products Fund. *Id.* at question 9. The Postal Service stated that this transfer was mathematically identical to transferring the Net Income before Tax from the Postal Service Fund to the Competitive Products Fund so that the assumed federal income tax could be transferred back from the Competitive Products Fund to the Postal Service Fund. *Id.* Therefore, on January 10, 2013, the Postal Service transferred the FY 2012 Net Income after Tax amount of \$525,564,000 from the Postal Service Fund to the Competitive Products Fund. *Id.* On January 11, 2013, as an additional prepayment of competitive products' shares of future years' institutional costs, the Postal Service transferred the balance of the Competitive Products Fund to the Postal Service Fund. *Id.*

**III. Public Inquiry**

Since the issues associated with these transfers were not within the scope of the ACD, the Commission stated that it would initiate a proceeding to review transfers of amounts from the Postal Service Fund to the Competitive Products Fund, the use of amounts from the Competitive Products Fund to prepay competitive products' future years' institutional costs, and the calculation and transfer of the assumed federal income tax. FY 2012 ACD at 175 (citing 39 U.S.C. 2011(h)(2)(C)(ii) and 39 CFR 3060.42). To foster transparency, the Commission establishes Docket No. PI2013-1 to review these issues.

Commission Information Request No. 1 (CIR No. 1) is issued contemporaneously with this Notice. It seeks further clarification from the Postal Service on the issues described in

this Notice in order to increase transparency and develop a more complete record. After the Commission has received the Postal Service's responses, the Commission may issue a Notice of Inquiry or invite public comment.

**IV. Public Representative**

Section 505 of title 39 requires designation of an officer of the Commission in all public proceedings to represent the interests of the general public. The Commission hereby designates Richard A. Oliver as Public Representative in this proceeding.

**V. Ordering Paragraphs**

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission hereby establishes Docket No. PI2013-1 to review the issues related to the Competitive Products Fund set forth in the Commission's FY 2012 Annual Compliance Determination.

2. Richard A. Oliver is designated as the Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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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 Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

*Extension:*

Form N-SAR. OMB Control No. 3235-0330, SEC File No. 270-292.

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 (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Form N-SAR (OMB Control No. 3235-0330, 17 CFR 249.330) is the form used by all registered investment companies with the exception of face

<sup>1</sup> Docket No. ACR2012, Annual Compliance Determination Report Fiscal Year 2012, March 28, 2013, at 175 (FY 2012 ACD).

<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. ACR2012, Chairman's Information Request No. 8, February 8, 2013, at 5.

<sup>3</sup> Docket No. ACR2012, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-6 and 8-13 of Chairman's Information Request No. 8, February 15, 2013, at question 8 (ACD CHIR Response).