OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees’ Retirement System; Normal Cost Percentages

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of revised normal cost percentages for employees covered by the Federal Employees’ Retirement System (FERS) Act of 1986.

DATES: The revised normal cost percentages are effective at the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after October 1, 2019. Agency appeals of the normal cost percentages must be filed no later than November 19, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver agency appeals of the normal cost percentages and requests for actuarial assumptions and data to the Board of Actuaries, care of Gregory Kissel, Senior Actuary, Office of Personnel Management, Room 4316, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karla Yeakle, (202) 606–0299.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The FERS Act of 1986, Public Law 99–335, created a new retirement system intended to cover most Federal employees hired after 1983. Most Federal employees hired before 1984 are under the older Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Section 8423 of title 5, United States Code, as added by the FERS Act of 1986, provides for the payment of the Government’s share of the cost of the retirement system under FERS. Employees’ contributions are established by law and constitute only a portion of the cost of funding the retirement system; employing agencies are required to pay the remaining costs. The amount of funding required, known as “normal cost,” is the entry age normal cost of the provisions of FERS that relate to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (Fund). The normal cost must be computed by OPM in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practices and standards (using dynamic assumptions). The normal cost calculations depend on economic and demographic assumptions. Subpart D of part 841 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, regulates how normal costs are determined.

In its meeting on June 1, 2017, the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement System (the Board) recommended revisions to the long term economic assumptions and recommended changes to the demographic assumptions used in the actuarial valuations of CSRS and FERS. The economic assumptions have decreased from the previous long term economic assumptions. The demographic assumptions include assumed rates of mortality, employee withdrawal, retirement, and merit and longevity pay increases. The revised demographic assumptions are generally based on the recent ten-year or twenty-year experience under the retirement systems, modified to reflect expected future experience where applicable. OPM has adopted the Board’s recommendations.

On October 25, 2017, OPM published revised regulations related to the calculation of the FERS normal cost percentages. These regulations clarified the employee categories OPM uses to compute the FERS normal cost percentages and added a category of normal cost percentage for employees of the U.S. Postal Service. Because these revised regulations had not been published when the Board met on June 1, 2017, the recommended demographic assumptions reflect expected government-wide experience rather than separate postal-specific and non-postal specific experience. For non-postal employees, the normal cost percentage will reflect the economic assumptions and government-wide demographic assumptions determined by the Board at its June 1, 2017, meeting. The normal cost percentages for employees of the Postal Service will also reflect the economic assumptions determined by the Board at its June 1, 2017, meeting but will use demographic assumptions that are based on assumptions specific to the expected experience of postal employees.

With regard to the economic assumptions described under section 841.402 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, used in the actuarial valuations of FERS, the Board concluded that it would be appropriate to assume a rate of investment return of 4.50 percent, a reduction of 0.75 percent from the existing rate of 5.25 percent. In addition, the Board determined that the assumed inflation rate should be reduced 0.50 percent from 3.00 percent to 2.50 percent, that the assumed rate of FERS annuitant Cost of Living Adjustments should remain at 80 percent of the assumed rate of inflation, and that the projected rate of General Schedule salary increases should be reduced 0.50 percent from 3.25 percent to 2.75 percent. These salary increases are in addition to assumed within-grade increases. These assumptions are intended to reflect the long term expected future experience of the System.

The demographic assumptions are determined separately for each of a number of special groups, in cases where separate experience data is available. Based on the demographic and economic assumptions described above, OPM has determined the normal cost percentage for each category of employees under section 841.403 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.

Section 5001 of Public Law 112–96, The Middle Class Tax Relief and Jobs Creation Act of 2012, established provisions for FERS Revised Annuity Employees (FERS–RAE). The law permanently increases the retirement contributions by 2.30 percent of pay for these employees. Subsequently, Section 401 of Public Law 113–67, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, created another class of FERS employees, FERS–Further Revised Annuity Employee (FERS–FRAE). Employees subject to...
Under section 841.408 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, these normal cost percentages are effective at the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after October 1, 2019. The time limit and address for filing agency appeals under sections 841.409 through 841.412 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, are stated in the DATES and ADDRESSES sections of this notice.

Office of Personnel Management.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records; response to comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service® (Postal Service) is responding to public comments regarding revisions to a Customer Privacy Act Systems of Records (SOR). These revisions were made to support the Targeted Offers Powered by Informed Address (IA) service initiative, within the Informed Delivery platform. There will be no changes to the system of records or the implementation date of March 11, 2019 in light of the public comments.

DATES: The revisions to USPS SOR 820.300 Informed Delivery were originally scheduled to be effective on March 11, 2019, without further notice. After review and evaluation of comments received, the Postal Service has found that no substantive changes to the system of records are required, and that the effective date for the implementation of the proposed revisions should proceed as scheduled.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 7, 2019, the Postal Service published notice of its intent to modify an existing system of records, USPS 820.300 Informed Delivery to support the Targeted Offers application. Targeted Offers Powered by Informed Address (“Targeted Offers”) is an application that will enable consumers to securely share their preferences related to marketing content with mailers, and mailers to target and prospect consumers based on this data. Targeted Offers will be incorporated into the Informed Delivery platform, allowing the Postal Service to capitalize on Informed Delivery’s success and existing user base. As a new feature of Informed Delivery, Targeted Offers will encourage new user adoption and provide additional benefits for current users.

The Postal Service provides the following responses to the comments received pursuant to its Federal Register notice regarding Targeted Offers Powered by Informed Address service:

(1) Comment: The comments received question the Postal Service’s perceived expansion of its collection of personally identifiable information.

Answer: This system of records update does not expand any current collection policies, therefore the Postal Service views these comments as directed at its Informed Delivery System as a whole, and not the particular modifications to the existing system of records for which notice was provided. As such, no response is required to said comments.

(2) Comment: Is it the intent of the Postal Service to limited Informed Delivery and/or Informed Address to letters only?

Answer: The Postal Service intends to offer this service to consumers for all physical mail delivered via Informed Delivery.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Add Certain Fees Related to the Listing and Trading of Options Contracts on the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index (“DJX”)

May 14, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the