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## II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* "Requests to Agreement States and Non-Agreement States for Information."
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0029.
3. *Type of submission:* Revision.
4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not applicable.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* One-time, on occasion.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.
7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 1,965.
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 52.
9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 15,720.
10. *Abstract:* The NRC is requesting OMB approval of a plan for a generic collection of information. The need and practicality of the collection can be evaluated, but the details of the specific individual collections will not be known until a later time. The Agreement States and non-Agreement States will be asked on a one-time or as needed basis to respond to a specific incident, to gather information on licensing and inspection practices or other technical information, or to provide comments on proposed policy and program updates. The results of such information requests, which are authorized under Section 274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, will be utilized in part by the NRC in preparing responses to Congressional inquiries. In addition, the information can assist the Commission in its considerations and decisions involving Atomic Energy Act materials programs in an effort to make the national nuclear materials program more uniform and consistent.

## III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### January 2021 Pay Schedules

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain Federal civilian employees effective in January 2021. The Executive order authorizes a 1.0 percent across-the-board increase for statutory pay systems and provides that locality percentages will remain at 2020 levels. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Foy, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-4194 or *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 31, 2020, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13970 (86 FR 421), which implemented pay adjustments for certain Federal civilian employees in January 2021. This is consistent with the President's alternative pay plan issued under 5 U.S.C. 5303(b) and 5304a on February 10, 2020. The pay rates in E.O. 13901 have been superseded.

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in Section 5(b) of E.O. 13970 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2021 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of E.O. 13970 provides the rates for the 2021 General Schedule (GS) and reflects a 1.0 percent increase from 2020. Executive Order 13970 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2021 locality payments, which remain at 2020 levels. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13970.)

General Schedule 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 2021, locality payments ranging from 15.95 percent to 41.44 percent apply to GS employees in the 54 locality pay areas. The 2021 locality pay area definitions can be found at: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2021/locality-pay-area-definitions/>.

The 2021 locality pay percentages became effective the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2021 (January 3, 2021). 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.)

Executive Order 13970 establishes the new Executive Schedule (EX), which incorporates a 1.0 percent increase required under 5 U.S.C. 5318 (rounded to the nearest \$100). By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13970 establishes the 2021 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 is \$132,552 in 2021. The maximum rate of the SES rate range is \$199,300 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$183,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are not covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and professional (ST) rate range was increased by 1.0 percent (\$132,552 in 2021), which is the amount of the across-the-board GS increase. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range is \$199,300 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$183,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are not covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system. Agencies with certified performance appraisal systems for SES

members and employees in SL and ST positions must also apply a higher aggregate limitation on pay—up to the Vice President's salary (\$255,800 in 2021.)

Note that section 748 of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116–260, December 27, 2020), contains a provision that continues the pay freeze on the payable pay rates for the Vice President and certain senior political appointees at the rates of pay and applicable limitations on payable rates of pay in effect on December 31, 2020, by operation of section 749 of division C of Public Law 116–93 (December 20, 2019). The section 748 pay freeze is scheduled to end on the last day of the last pay period that begins in calendar year 2021 (*i.e.*, January 1, 2022, for those on the standard biweekly pay period cycle). Future Congressional action will determine whether the pay freeze continues beyond that date. OPM guidance on the 2021 pay freeze for certain senior political officials can be found in CPM 2021–04 at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/continued-pay-freeze-certain-senior-political-officials-4>.

Executive Order 13970 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are increased by 1.0 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100) in 2021. The rate of basic pay for AL–1 is \$172,500 (equivalent to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule). The rate of basic pay for AL–2 is \$168,200. The rates of basic pay for AL–3/A through 3/F range from \$115,100 to \$159,400.

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 increased by 1.0 percent in 2021.

On November 27, 2020, 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 and OPM) that continues GS locality payments for ALJs and certain other non-GS employee categories in 2021. By law, EX officials, 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. See CPM 2009–27 at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/nonforeign-area-retirement-equity-assurance-act>.) The memo is available at [https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2020/extension-of-locality-pay-memo-for-non-gs-employees-2021.pdf)

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On January 1, 2021, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2021–01) on the 2021 pay adjustments. (See <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/january-2021-pay-adjustments>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 13970 and provided the 2021 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related guidance. The “2021 Salary Tables” posted on OPM's website at <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/> are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice.

Office of Personnel Management.

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2021–86 and CP2021–89]

### New Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* April 28, 2021.

**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:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The

request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

### II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. Docket No(s): MC2021–86 and CP2021–89; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 696 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: April 20, 2021; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; Public Representative: Kenneth R. Moeller; Comments Due: April 28, 2021.

<sup>1</sup> See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).