

referenced post-employment waiver, granted in its January 4, 1996 Memorandum and as extended in this document, will expire and is revoked effective on November 1, 1996. The Office of Government Ethics will keep agencies informed of further progress on the legislative initiative.

Even if the post-employment law is not amended, executive branch departments and agencies can still over the next several months consider and prepare, if appropriate, requests for the long-term exemption of individual positions or categories of positions to be submitted to OGE for consideration pursuant to 5 CFR 2641.201(d)(3) of OGE's post-Government employment regulations. Under the statute and OGE's implementing regulations, the OGE Director may determine that a waiver (exemption) is warranted with respect to a qualified position or a category of positions if he finds that the imposition of the restrictions with respect thereto would create an undue hardship to the department or agency concerned in obtaining qualified personnel to fill the position(s) and that granting the exemption would not create the potential for use of undue influence or unfair advantage based on past Government service. See 18 U.S.C. 207(c)(2)(C) and 5 CFR 2641.201(d)(5). In light of the pendency of a possible legislative amendment and because of this extension of the existing waiver, OGE requests that departments and agencies wait until late summer before filing any requests for exemption as to SES level 4 and similarly situated positions which are covered by the current OGE waiver and which they believe should be permanently exempted based on the statutory and regulatory criteria.

Approved: May 22, 1996.

Stephen D. Potts,
Director, Office of Government Ethics.
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request For Reclearance of
Information Collection SF 2802, SF
2802B, and RI 36-7**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this

notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management will submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of the following information collections. SF 2802, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (CSRS), SF 2802B, Current/Former Spouse's Notification of Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions, and RI 36-7, Marital Information Required of Refund Applicants. OPM must have the SF 2802 completely filled out and signed before paying a refund of retirement contributions. SF 2802B must also be completed if there are spouse(s) or former spouse(s) who must be notified of the employee's intent to take a refund. RI 36-7 is needed when the SF 2802 is incomplete as to the applicant's marital status.

Approximately 35,000 SF 2802 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 26,250 hours. Approximately 31,500 SF 2802B forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 7,875 hours. Approximately 21,050 RI 36-7 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 3,508 hours. The combined total annual burden is 37,633 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received by July 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415-0001

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 3002, Washington, DC 20503

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:**
Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. A96-17]

**In the Matter of: Huntley, Nebraska
68951: (J. Donald Schluntz, Petitioner);
Notice and Order Accepting Appeal
and Establishing Procedural Schedule
Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)**

Issued June 3, 1996.

Docket Number: A96-17.

Name of Affected Post Office:
Huntley, Nebraska 68951.

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): J. Donald Schluntz.

Type of Determination: Closing.

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: May 28, 1996.

*Categories of Issues Apparently
Raised:*

1. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(C)].

2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission Orders

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by June 12, 1996.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.
Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

Appendix

May 28, 1996—Filing of Appeal letter
June 3, 1996—Commission Notice and Order
of Filing of Appeal

June 21, 1996—Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 CFR 3001.111(b)]

July 2, 1996—Petitioner's Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)]

July 22, 1996—Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)]

August 6, 1996—Petitioner's Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)]

August 13, 1996—Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 CFR 3001.116]

September 26, 1996—Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GULF WAR VETERANS' ILLNESSES

Meeting

AGENCY: Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice is hereby given to announce an open meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

DATES: July 8, 1996, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; July 9, 1996, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Ambassador West Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses by Executive Order 12961, May 26, 1995. The purpose of this committee is to review and provide recommendations on the full range of government activities associated with Gulf War veterans' illnesses. The committee reports to the President through the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The committee members have expertise relevant to the functions of the committee and are appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, July 8, 1996

9:00 a.m.—Call to order and opening remarks
 9:10 a.m.—Public comment
 10:15 a.m.—Break
 10:30 a.m.—Public comment (cont.)
 11:30 a.m.—Briefing: Research funded through the Department of Defense's 1995 Broad Agency Announcement

12:30 p.m.—Lunch
 1:30 p.m.—Briefing: Chemical and biological weapons
 2:15 p.m.—Briefing: Persian Gulf Veterans Coordinating Board, Compensation Working Group
 3:15 p.m.—Break
 3:30 p.m.—Briefings: Outreach issues
 5:00 p.m.—Meeting recessed

Tuesday, July 9, 1996

8:30 a.m.—Call to order
 8:35 a.m.—Briefings: Chemical warfare agents
 9:45 a.m.—Break
 10:00 a.m.—Briefings: Risk factors
 12:00 p.m.—Lunch
 1:00 p.m.—Briefings: Risk factors (cont.)
 2:30 p.m.—Committee and staff discussion: Next steps
 3:30 p.m.—Meeting adjourned

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact the Advisory Committee at the address or telephone number listed below at least five business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations from individuals who have not yet had an opportunity to address the Advisory Committee. Priority will be given to Gulf War veterans and their families. The Advisory Committee Chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. People who wish to file written statements with the Advisory Committee may do so at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miles W. Ewing, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, 1411 K Street, N.W., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 761-0066, Fax: (202) 761-0310.

Dated: June 3, 1996.

C.A. Bock,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Determination of Quarterly Rate of Excise Tax for Railroad Retirement Supplemental Annuity Program

In accordance with directions in Section 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act (26 U.S.C. 3221(c)), the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that the excise tax imposed

by such Section 3221(c) on every employer, with respect to having individuals in his employ, for each work-hour for which compensation is paid by such employer for services rendered to him during the quarter beginning July 1, 1996, shall be at the rate of 34 cents.

In accordance with directions in Section 15(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that for the quarter beginning July 1, 1996, 33.4 percent of the taxes collected under Sections 3211(b) and 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Account and 66.6 percent of the taxes collected under such Sections 3211(b) and 3221(c) plus 100 percent of the taxes collected under Section 3221(d) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Supplemental Account.

Dated: May 29, 1996.

By Authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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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 Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 17a-4—SEC File No. 270-198—
 OMB Control No. 3235-0279
 Rule 24—SEC File No. 270-129—
 OMB Control No. 3235-0126

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 ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget request for approval of extension on the following rules:

Rule 17a-4 requires exchange members, brokers and dealers to preserve for prescribed periods of time certain records required to be made under Rule 17a-3. It is anticipated that approximately 8,300 broker-dealers are required to comply with Rule 17a-4 and each will spend 250.25 hours per year complying with the rule. The total annual burden is estimated to be 2,077,075 hours.