

requests, and related administrative materials.

7. Department of Justice, Agency-wide (DAA-0060-2016-0004, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records relating to evaluation and selection of prospective employees, interns, and volunteers.

8. Department of Justice, INTERPOL Washington United States National Central Bureau (DAA-0060-2015-0002, 8 items, 8 temporary items). Records relating to United States representation to INTERPOL including reports, meeting minutes, agreements, and administrative records.

9. Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy (DAA-0060-2016-0005, 10 items, 7 temporary items). Records relating to oversight of Federal agency compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Records include report drafts, background and resource material gathered in preparing final reports, records relating to the administration of the FOIA, compliance monitoring, and legal advice to agencies. Proposed for permanent retention are Government-wide FOIA Reports, the Department of Justice Guide to the FOIA, and records of the Chief FOIA Officers Council.

10. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (DAA-0408-2013-0004, 2 items, 2 temporary items). General financial records, including Government Accountability Office exception files, and accountable officer designee records.

11. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (DAA-0416-2015-0001, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Electronic information system used to facilitate the criminal investigation of odometer fraud.

12. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (DAA-0571-2015-0001, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Web site records including internal and external Web sites, content management system, Web site logs and statistical compilations.

13. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (DAA-0571-2015-0010, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records pertaining to plans for responding to pipeline spills.

14. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (DAA-0571-2015-0015, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Activity files to include quarterly and technical program activity reports.

15. National Archives and Records Administration, Government-wide (DAA-GRS-2014-0002, 21 items, 21 temporary items). General Records

Schedule for employee acquisition records including classification standards, position descriptions, classification appeals, job vacancy case files and application packages, interview records, records relating to political appointments, special hiring authority program records, pre-appointment files, and administrative records of agency agreements with the Office of Personnel Management to process examination and certification of potential employees.

16. National Archives and Records Administration, Government-wide (DAA-GRS-2015-0007, 23 items, 23 temporary items). General Records Schedule for employee relations records such as Alternative Dispute Resolution files; Reasonable Accommodation program records; Equal Employment Opportunity program and complaint files; anti-harassment program records; labor management relations records; administrative grievance, disciplinary and adverse action files; displaced employee program records; and telework/alternative worksite program files.

17. Peace Corps, Overseas Posts (DAA-0490-2016-0012, 6 items, 6 temporary items). Records include administrative records, copies of policies and procedures, handbooks, logs, and emergency planning materials.

18. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Human Resources (DAA-0266-2016-0013, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Records of agency employee applications for assistance in repaying outstanding qualifying Federal student loans.

19. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Human Resources (DAA-0266-2016-0014, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records of employee temporary work assignments with Federal, State, local, and American Indian tribal governments; colleges and universities; and other eligible organizations.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Initiate Section 106 Consultation for Proposed Changes to Green Bank Observatory Operations, Green Bank, West Virginia and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings and Comment Period

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Initiate Section 106 Consultation for proposed changes to Green Bank Observatory operations, Green Bank, West Virginia and notice of public scoping meetings and comment period.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the National Science Foundation (NSF) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects of proposed changes to operations at Green Bank Observatory, in Green Bank, West Virginia (Proposed Action). (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more details.) By this notice, NSF announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues to be analyzed in the EIS. At this juncture, NSF welcomes public comments on the preliminary proposed alternatives and resource areas identified for analysis. NSF also intends to initiate consultation under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to evaluate potential effects, if any, on historic properties as a result of the Proposed Action.

**DATES:** This Notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS and the initiation of public involvement under section 106 per 36 CFR 800.2(d). Comments on the scope of the preliminary proposed alternatives and resource areas to be studied may be submitted verbally during the scoping meetings scheduled for November 9, 2016 (see details in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) or in writing until November 19, 2016. To be eligible for inclusion in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period. NSF will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by either of the following methods:

- *Email to:* envcomp-AST-greenbank@nsf.gov, with subject line "Green Bank Observatory."

• *Mail to:* Elizabeth Pentecost, RE: Green Bank Observatory, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1045, Arlington, VA 22230.

**EIS INFORMATION:** Information will be posted, throughout the EIS process, at [www.nsf.gov/AST](http://www.nsf.gov/AST).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the EIS process or Section 106 consultation, contact: Elizabeth Pentecost, National Science Foundation, Division of Astronomical Sciences, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1045, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone: (703) 292-4907; email: [epenteco@nsf.gov](mailto:epenteco@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Green Bank Observatory (GBO) is located in Pocahontas County, West Virginia adjacent to the Monongahela National Forest. NSF owns the GBO land, which consists of numerous parcels acquired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1950s, when GBO was formed as the first (and then, only) site of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO). The Allegheny Trail passes through portions of the NRAO property along the Little Mountain ridgeline. GBO is the anchor and administrative site of the 13,000-square-mile National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ). GBO is located on approximately 2,200 acres in the NRQZ, where all radio transmissions are limited. Having telescopes within the NRQZ allows for detection of faint scientific signals that would otherwise be drowned-out by man-made signals. The GBO facilities include the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope, the largest fully steerable radio telescope in the world; the 43-meter Telescope; the Green Bank Solar Radio Burst Spectrometer; the 20-meter Geodetic Telescope; the 40-foot Telescope; the Interferometer Range; and previously operational telescopes.

The NSF Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Division of Astronomical Sciences, through a series of academic community-based reviews, has identified the need to divest several facilities from its portfolio. This would allow NSF to retain the balance of capabilities needed to deliver the best performance on emerging and key science technology of the present decade and beyond. In 2012, NSF's Division of Astronomical Sciences' (AST's) portfolio review committee recommended divestment of the Green Bank Telescope (GBT) from the AST portfolio, stating the following: "The GBT is the world's most sensitive single-dish radio telescope at wavelengths shorter than 10 cm; however, its capabilities are not as critical to *New World New Horizons*

[astronomy and astrophysics decadal survey] science goals as the higher-ranked facilities." In response to these recommendations, in 2016, NSF completed a feasibility study to inform and define options for the Observatory's future disposition that would involve significantly decreasing or eliminating NSF funding of Green Bank Observatory. Alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS will be refined through public input, with preliminary proposed alternatives that include the following:

- Continued NSF investment for science-focused operations (No-Action Alternative)
- Collaboration with interested parties for science- and education-focused operations with reduced NSF-funded scope
- Collaboration with interested parties for operation as a technology and education park
- Mothballing of facilities (suspension of operations in a manner such that operations could resume efficiently at some future date)
- Deconstruction and site restoration

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including identifying viable alternatives. At present, NSF has identified the following preliminary resource areas to analyze potential impacts: Air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geological resources, solid waste generation, health and safety, socioeconomic, traffic, and groundwater resources. NSF will consult under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and section 7 of the Endangered Species Act in coordination with this EIS process, as appropriate. Federal, state, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by NSF's decision on this Proposed Action are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request to participate as a cooperating agency.

*Scoping Meetings:* NSF will host two public scoping meetings.

- *Afternoon meeting:* November 9, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Green Bank Science Center, 155 Observatory Road, Green Bank, WV 24915, Telephone: (304) 456-2011.

- *Evening meeting:* November 9, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Green Bank Science Center, 155 Observatory Road, Green Bank, WV 24915, Telephone: (304) 456-2011.

Oral comments provided at the scoping meetings will be transcribed by a court reporter. Please contact NSF at

least one week in advance of the meeting if you would like to request special accommodations (*i.e.*, sign language interpretation, etc.).

Dated: October 13, 2016.

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket No. R2017-1; Order No. 3565]**

### Market Dominant Price Adjustment

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service notice of inflation-based rate adjustments affecting market dominant domestic and international products and services, along with numerous proposed classification changes. The adjustments and other changes are scheduled to take effect January 22, 2017. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* November 1, 2016.

**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 and Overview

On October 12, 2016, the Postal Service filed a notice of inflation-based rate adjustments affecting market dominant domestic and international products and services, along with numerous proposed classification changes.<sup>1</sup> The intended effective date is January 22, 2017. Notice at 1.

*Contents of filing.* The Postal Service's filing consists of the Notice which the

<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service Notice of Market Dominant Price Adjustment, October 12, 2016 (Notice).