

Comments received after the due date will be considered to the extent practical.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan L. Greene, Mail Stop TWFN 8-F-5, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone (301) 415-7843.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC has prepared NUREG-1562, "Standard Review Plan for Applications for Licenses to Distribute Byproduct Material to Persons Exempt from the Requirements for an NRC License (10 CFR 30.14, 30.15, 30.16, 30.18, 30.19, and 30.20)" to provide assistance to applicants and licensees in preparing license applications and describes the methods acceptable to NRC license reviewers in implementing the regulations and the techniques used by the reviewers in evaluating the applications to determine if the proposed exempt distribution activity is acceptable for licensing purposes. The standard review plan will be revised periodically, as appropriate, to accommodate comments and to reflect new information and experience. The document is being made available to interested members of the public.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of March 1997.

Larry W. Camper,

Chief, Medical Academic and Commercial, Use Safety Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 1997 Pay Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain categories of Federal employees were adjusted in January 1997, as authorized by the President. This notice documents those pay adjustments for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Herzberg, Office of Compensation Policy, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-2858, FAX (202) 606-4264, or email to payleave@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 22, 1996, the President transmitted to Congress an alternative plan under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 5304a that established the January 1997 locality pay adjustments for General Schedule (GS) employees in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. On December 27, 1996, the President signed Executive Order 13033 (62 FR 252). This order implemented increases in rates of basic pay for various categories of Federal employees effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 1997, as required by 5 U.S.C. 5303. The 1997 General Schedule, reflecting the 2.3-percent general increase, was published in Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13033. Executive Order 13033 also included the percentage amounts of the 1997 locality payments as established by the President's alternative plan of November 22, 1996. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive order 13033.) The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13033 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 1997 locality payments in **Federal Register**.

Locality payments are authorized for General Schedule employees under 5 U.S.C. 5304 and 5304a. They apply in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. In 1997, there are 30 separate locality pay areas with locality payments ranging from 4.81 percent to 11.52 percent. These 1997 locality pay percentages, which replaced the locality pay percentages that were applicable in 1996, became effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 1997. An employee's locality-adjusted annual rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of basic pay (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5302(8) and 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.605.)

On December 5, 1996, the Director of OPM, on behalf of the President's Pay Agent, extended the 1997 locality-based comparability payments to the same Governmentwide and single-agency categories of non-GS employees that were authorized to receive the 1996 locality payments. The Governmentwide categories include members of the Senior Executive Service (SES), the Foreign Service, and the Senior Foreign Service; employees in senior-level (SL) and scientific or professional (ST) positions; administrative law judges; and members of Boards of Contracts Appeals.

Public Law 104-208, September 30, 1996, provided that there would be no increase in the rates of basic pay for the Executive Schedule. By law, the maximum rate of basic pay for members of the SES may not exceed level IV of the Executive Schedule. The President has established six rates of basic pay for members of the SES with the maximum SES rate of basic pay (ES-6) equivalent to the rate of basic pay for level IV (currently \$115,700). (See 5 U.S.C. 5382(b) and Schedule 5 of Executive Order 13033.) Schedule 4 of Executive Order 13033 reflects a decision by the President to increase the rates of basic pay for members of the SES by 2.3 percent at levels ES-1 through ES-4. Since level IV of the Executive Schedule was not increased, the new rate of basic pay for ES-5 is \$115,700 (an increase of about 1.5 percent), and the rate of basic pay for ES-6 rate remains unchanged at \$115,700.

The minimum rate of basic pay for senior-level (SL) and scientific or professional (ST) positions increased by 2.3 percent (to \$85,073) because it is calculated as a percentage of the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule. The maximum rate of basic pay for SL and ST positions remains unchanged because it is linked to level IV of the Executive Schedule (\$115,700), which remains unchanged. Rates of basic pay for administrative law judges and members of Boards of Contract Appeals remain unchanged in 1997 because these rates are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule, which remains unchanged.

OPM has published "Salary Table No. 97" (OPM Doc. 124-48-6, January 1997), which provides complete salary tables incorporating the 1997 pay adjustments, information on general pay administration matters, locality pay area definitions, Internal Revenue Service withholding tables, and other related information. The rates of pay shown in "Salary Table No. 97" are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice. Copies of "Salary Table No. 97" may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO) by calling (202) 512-1800 or FAX at (202) 512-2250. Copies of Salary Table 97" may also be ordered online from GPO at http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/sale/prf/prf.html. In addition, individual pay schedules may be downloaded directly from OPM's electronic bulletin board, which is reached by dialing via modem (202) 606-4800. Pay tables may also be downloaded from OPM's Internet web cite at <http://www.opm.gov/pay>.

Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

National Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., April 9, 1997.

PLACE: CAMI Auditorium, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 6500 South MacArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73169.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals with special access needs wishing to attend should contact OPM at the number shown below to obtain appropriate accommodations.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The National Partnership Council (NPC) will receive a presentation on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center Partnership, and a presentation on partnership responses to crisis.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Michael Cushing, Director, Center for Partnership and Labor-Management Relations, Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7H28, Washington, DC 20415-0001, (202) 606-0010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments. Mail or deliver your comments to Michael Cushing at the address shown above. To be considered at the April 9 meeting, written comments should be received by April 4.

Office of Personnel Management

James B. King,

Director.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Order No. 1167; Docket No. A97-16]

North Shapleigh, Maine 04060 (Harold W. Clark, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)

Issued April 1, 1997.

Docket Number: A97-16

Name of Affected Post Office: North Shapleigh, Maine 04060

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Harold W. Clark

Type of Determination: Closing

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: March 27, 1997

Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:

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

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 April 11, 1997.

(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

March 27, 1997: Filing of Appeal letter

April 1, 1997: Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

April 21, 1997: Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 CFR § 3001.111(b)]

May 1, 1997: Petitioner's Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 CFR § 3001.115 (a) and (b)]

May 21, 1997: Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 CFR § 3001.115(c)]

June 5, 1997: Petitioner's Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 CFR § 3001.115(d)]

June 12, 1997: 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]

July 25, 1997: Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-38445; File No. SR-CHX-96-30]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change Relating to Standards for Approved Lessors of Exchange Memberships

March 26, 1997.

I. Introduction

On November 12, 1996, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to create standards for approved lessors of exchange memberships.

The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 9, 1997.³ No comments were received on the proposal. This order approves the proposal.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to create a new form of membership known as an "Approved Lessor." An Approved Lessor will be an individual or entity that desires to purchase a membership in the CHX for the sole purpose of providing a financing mechanism for another person or entity that desires to become a member organization ("lessee"). A lessor that registers with and is

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38114 (January 3, 1997), 62 FR 1348 (January 9, 1997).