

which special procedures for wages have been established pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1188 and 20 CFR 655.102) for which temporary H-2A certifications are being sought will be the annual average of combined crop and livestock workers' wages applicable for each State as reported by the USDA FLS reports.

The Department's regulations at 20 CFR 655.120(c) require the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) to publish at least once in each calendar year the AEWR for each State as a Notice in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, the 2010 AEWRs for agricultural work performed by U.S. and H-2A workers hired pursuant to an H-2A application subject to the 2010 Rule on and/or after the effective date of this Notice are set forth in the table below:

TABLE—2010 ADVERSE EFFECT WAGE RATES

State	2010 AEWR
Alabama	\$9.11
Arizona	9.71
Arkansas	9.10
California	10.25
Colorado	10.06
Connecticut	10.16
Delaware	9.94
Florida	9.20
Georgia	9.11
Hawaii	11.45
Idaho	9.90
Illinois	10.51
Indiana	10.51
Iowa	10.86
Kansas	10.66
Kentucky	9.71
Louisiana	9.10
Maine	10.16
Maryland	9.94
Massachusetts	10.16
Michigan	10.57
Minnesota	10.57
Mississippi	9.10
Missouri	10.86
Montana	9.90
Nebraska	10.66
Nevada	10.06
New Hampshire	10.16
New Jersey	9.94
New Mexico	9.71
New York	10.16
North Carolina	9.59
North Dakota	10.66
Ohio	10.51
Oklahoma	9.78
Oregon	10.85
Pennsylvania	9.94
Rhode Island	10.16
South Carolina	9.11
South Dakota	10.66
Tennessee	9.71
Texas	9.78
Utah	10.06
Vermont	10.16
Virginia	9.59
Washington	10.85

TABLE—2010 ADVERSE EFFECT WAGE RATES—Continued

State	2010 AEWR
West Virginia	9.71
Wisconsin	10.57
Wyoming	9.90

**C. Allowable Meal Charges**

The Department's regulations at 20 CFR 655.122(g) require the employer to provide each worker with three meals a day (for which it is permitted to charge the workers) or free and convenient cooking and kitchen facilities. When the employer provides meals to its workers, it must state in the job offer the meal charge, if any, the employer will impose on the workers for the meals provided. The amount of the meal charges, if any, is governed by 20 CFR 655.173.

The 2010 Final Rule at 20 CFR 655.173 sets the maximum allowable amount that an H-2A agricultural employer may charge its U.S. and foreign workers for providing three meals per day. This section of the 2010 Final Rule also provides for annual adjustments of the previous year's allowable charges based upon the 12-month percentage change for the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers for Food (CPI-U for Food) between December of the year just concluded and December of the year prior to that.

Under 20 CFR 655.173(a) an H-2A employer may charge workers no more than the maximum amount set forth in that paragraph, unless the employer petitions the Certifying Officer and receives a favorable decision under 20 CFR 655.173(b) to charge a higher amount. The Department's H-2A regulations require the OFLC Administrator to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** each calendar year, announcing annual adjustments in allowable meal charges applicable to H-2A employers who provide three meals per day to their U.S. and nonimmigrant foreign workers. The 2009 rates were published in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 26016, May 29, 2009.

The Department has determined the percentage change between December of 2008 and December of 2009 for the CPI-U for Food was 1.8 percent. Accordingly, the maximum allowable charge under 20 CFR 655.173 was adjusted using this percentage change, and the new permissible charge for 2010 will be no more than \$10.64 per day.

**D. Maximum Travel Subsistence Expense**

The regulations at 20 CFR 655.122(h) establish that the minimum daily travel subsistence expense, for which a worker is entitled to reimbursement, is equivalent to the employer's daily charge for three meals or, if the employer makes no charge, the amount permitted under 20 CFR 655.173. The regulation is silent about the maximum amount to which a qualifying worker is entitled.

The Department based the maximum meals component on the standard Continental United States (CONUS) per diem rate established by the General Services Administration (GSA) and published at 41 CFR part 301, Appendix A. The CONUS meal component is now \$46.00 per day.

Workers who qualify for travel reimbursement are entitled to reimbursement up to the CONUS meal rate for related subsistence when they provide receipts. In determining the appropriate amount of subsistence reimbursement, the employer may use the GSA system under which a traveler qualifies for meal expense reimbursement at 75 percent of the subsistence for the first partial day of travel and 75 percent of the subsistence for the last partial day.

If a worker has no receipts, the employer is not obligated to reimburse above the minimum stated at 20 CFR 655.173(a) as specified above.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 12th day of February 2010.

**Jane Oates,**  
*Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.*

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**NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**

**Sunshine Act; Notice of Agency Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Thursday, February 18, 2010.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Board Briefing, Interim Final Rule—Section 701.34 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Secondary Capital Accounts for Low-Income Credit Unions.
2. Insurance Fund Report.

**RECESS:** 11 a.m.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:15 a.m., Thursday, February 18, 2010.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Consideration of Supervisory Activities. Closed pursuant to Exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and 9(B).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Rupp, Secretary of the Board, Telephone: 703-518-6304.

**Mary Rupp,**

*Board Secretary.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883).

*Date and Time:* March 4, 2010, 12 p.m.-2 p.m. EST.

*Place:* Teleconference. National Science Foundation, Room 320, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Craig B. Foltz, Acting Division Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4908.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

*Agenda:* To discuss the Committee's draft annual report due 15 March 2009.

**Susanne E. Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Administrative Appeals

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information under Part 4003 of its regulations relating to Administrative Appeals (OMB control number 1212-0061, expires February 28, 2010). This notice informs the public of PBGC's request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted by March 22, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, via electronic mail at [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov) or by fax to 202-395-6974. A copy of PBGC's request may be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division of the Office of the General Counsel of PBGC at the above address or by visiting that office or calling 202-326-4040 during normal business hours. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4040.) The request is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donald F. McCabe, Attorney, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PBGC's regulation on Rules for Administrative Review of Agency Decisions (29 CFR part 4003) prescribes rules governing the issuance of initial determinations by PBGC and the procedures for requesting and obtaining administrative review of initial determinations. Certain types of initial determinations are subject to administrative appeals, which are covered in subpart D of the regulation. Subpart D prescribes rules on who may file appeals, when and where to file appeals, contents of appeals, and other matters relating to appeals.

Most appeals filed with PBGC are filed by individuals (participants, beneficiaries, and alternate payees) in connection with benefit entitlement or amounts. A small number of appeals are filed by employers in connection with other matters, such as plan coverage under ERISA section 4021 or employer liability under ERISA sections

4062(b)(1), 4063, or 4064. Appeals may be filed by hand, mail, commercial delivery service, fax or e-mail. For appeals of benefit determinations, PBGC has optional forms for filing appeals and requests for extensions of time to appeal.

OMB has approved the administrative appeals collection of information under control number 1212-0061 through February 28, 2010. PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval of this collection of information for three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

PBGC estimates that an average of 900 appellants per year will respond to this collection of information. PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 0.71 hours and \$52 per appellant, with an average total annual burden of 643 hours and \$46,680.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 12th day of February 2010.

**Catherine B. Klion,**

*Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations will hold its initial meeting on February 26, 2010, at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations, Federal management organizations and senior government officials. The Council was established by Executive Order 13522, entitled, "Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services," which was signed by the President on November 9, 2009. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council will assist in the implementation of Labor Management Forums throughout the government and will make recommendations to the President on innovative ways to improve delivery of services and products to the public while cutting costs and advancing