

reporting requirements are not subject to the provisions of the Backfit Rule, 10 CFR Part 50.109 or comparable backfitting requirements in 10 CFR Part 52. In addition, this RIS does not present a new or different staff position about the implementation of 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance," within the definition of "backfitting" in either the Backfit Rule or comparable provisions in Part 52. The staff positions for this RIS are either taken from, or represent the logical extension of, the discussion of Part 21 obligations for design certification applicants presented in the statement of considerations that accompanied the final rule (3150-AG24) for Part 52 (72 FR 49352; August 28, 2007).

This RIS requires no action or written response by addressees. Any action that addressees take to implement changes to their 10 CFR Part 21 programs in accordance with the clarifications in this RIS is strictly voluntary, and therefore does not constitute backfitting. For these reasons, the Backfit Rule does not apply and a backfit analysis is not required for issuance of this RIS.

#### *Federal Register Notification*

To be done after the public comment period.

#### *Congressional Review Act*

This RIS is a rule as designated in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined this is not a major rule.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act Statement*

This RIS does not contain new or amended information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Existing information collection requirements were approved by the OMB, control numbers 3150-0035, 3150-0011 and 3150-0151.

#### **Public Protection Notification**

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#### *Contact*

Please direct any questions about this matter to Milton Concepcion, at 301-415-4054 or by e-mail at [Milton.Concepcion@nrc.gov](mailto:Milton.Concepcion@nrc.gov).

#### **End of Draft Regulatory Issue Summary**

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of March 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### **Martin C. Murphy,**

*Chief, Generic Communications Branch,  
Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office  
of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION**

### **Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Annual notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given under 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4) of the appointment of members to the Performance Review Board (PRB) of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

**DATES:** Membership is effective on June 22, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debra A. Hall, Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 606-5397.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Review Commission, as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) through (5), has established a Senior Executive Service PRB. The PRB reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, and makes recommendations to the Chairman of the Review Commission regarding performance ratings, performance awards, and pay-for-performance adjustments. In the case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half of the members shall consist of career appointees, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(5). The names and titles of the PRB members are as follows:

- Gary L. Halbert, General Counsel, National Transportation Safety Board;
- Debra A. Carr, Associate Deputy Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights;
- Matthew T. Wallen, Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance, Surface Transportation Board, U.S. Department of Transportation;

The following executive has been selected to serve as an alternate member of the PRB:

- Lola A. Ward, Director for the Office of Administration, National Transportation Safety Board.

Dated: March 15, 2010.

**Thomasina V. Rogers,**  
*Chairman.*

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## **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roland Edwards, Senior Executive Resource Services, Employee Services, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between February 1, 2010, and February 28, 2010.

These notices are published monthly in the **Federal Register** at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is also published each year. The following Schedules are *not* codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. These are agency-specific exceptions.

#### **Schedule A**

No Schedule A authorities to report during February 2010.

#### **Schedule B**

No Schedule B authorities to report during February 2010.

#### **Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during February 2010.

*Office of Science and Technology Policy*

TSGS10003 Executive Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. Effective February 26, 2010.

*Department of State*

DSGS70103 Staff Assistant to the Special Advisor, International Disability Rights. Effective February 25, 2010.

*Department of the Treasury*

DYGS00430 Senior Advisor and Counsel to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective February 2, 2010.

DYGS00524 Special Assistant to the Secretary. Effective February 25, 2010.

*Department of Defense*

DDGS17271 Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). Effective February 2, 2010.

DDGS17272 Associate Director to the Director for Joint Communications. Effective February 3, 2010.

*Department of the Navy*

DNGS09152 Attorney Advisor to the General Counsel. Effective February 1, 2010.

*Department of Justice*

DJGS00550 Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division. Effective February 16, 2010.

DJGS00556 Speechwriter to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 25, 2010.

DJGS00557 Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General Civil Division. Effective February 25, 2010.

DJGS00157 Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General. Effective February 26, 2010.

*Department of Homeland Security*

DMGS00843 Director of Strategic Communications to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective February 16, 2010.

DMGS00844 Press Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective February 16, 2010.

DMGS00845 Director of Individual and Community Preparedness to the Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness. Effective February 18, 2010.

*Department of the Interior*

DIGS01182 Deputy Director to the Director, Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective February 16, 2010.

*Department of Agriculture*

DAGS00735 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective February 4, 2010.

DAGS00119 Senior Advisor for Labor Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective February 19, 2010.

DAGS00732 Assistant Chief—West to the Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Service. Effective February 19, 2010.

DAGS00790 Special Assistant to the Administrator. Effective February 22, 2010.

*Department of Commerce*

DCGS00492 Advance Specialist to the Director of Advance. Effective February 2, 2010.

DCGS00172 Associate Director for Business Development to the National Director, Minority Business Development Agency. Effective February 16, 2010.

DCGS00193 Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. Effective February 16, 2010.

*Department of Labor*

DLGS60262 Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Effective February 3, 2010.

DLGS60011 Staff Assistant to the Chief Economist. Effective February 17, 2010.

*Department of Education*

DBGS00584 Deputy White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 4, 2010.

DBGS00335 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 16, 2010.

DBGS00343 Confidential Assistant to the Senior Advisor on Early Learning. Effective February 16, 2010.

DBGS00670 Deputy Director to the Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. Effective February 23, 2010.

*Environmental Protection Agency*

EPGS08001 Assistant Press Secretary to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective February 4, 2010.

EPGS10004 Deputy Assistant Administrator to the Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Effective February 4, 2010.

*Department of Veterans Affairs*

DVGS60041 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective February 25, 2010.

*Securities and Exchange Commission*

SEOT60006 Confidential Assistant to the Chairman. Effective February 22, 2010.

SEOT62004 Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist to the Chairman. Effective February 22, 2010.

*Department of Energy*

DEGS00795 Senior Legal Advisor to the General Counsel. Effective February 16, 2010.

DEGS00797 Legal Advisor to the General Counsel. Effective February 16, 2010.

DEGS00799 Economic Recovery Advisor to the Senior Advisor/Director, Office of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Effective February 25, 2010.

*Small Business Administration*

SBGS00696 Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development. Effective February 12, 2010.

SBGS00697 Special Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer. Effective February 12, 2010.

SBGS00699 Deputy White House Liaison to the White House Liaison and Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective February 12, 2010.

SBGS00701 Confidential Assistant to the Administrator. Effective February 19, 2010.

SBGS00698 Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development. Effective February 22, 2010.

*General Services Administration*

GSGS01424 Regional Administrator to the Administrator. Effective February 23, 2010.

GSGS01422 Regional Administrator to the Administrator. Effective February 25, 2010.

GSGS01428 Regional Administrator to the Administrator. Effective February 25, 2010.

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

DUGS60512 Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 17, 2010.

*Department of Transportation*

DTGS60291 Associate Director for Governmental Affairs. Effective February 4, 2010.

DTGS60279 Director of Speechwriting to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs. Effective February 25, 2010.

*Council on Environmental Quality*

EQGS00120 Scheduler to the Chairman (Council on Environmental Quality). Effective February 3, 2010.

*Office of Management and Budget*

BOGS10010 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget. Effective February 25, 2010.

BOGS10011 Deputy Associate Director (Appropriations) for Legislative Affairs. Effective February 25, 2010.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

Office of Personnel Management.

**John Berry,**  
*Director.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

#### *Upon Written Request, Copies Available*

*From:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

#### *Extension:*

Rule 17g-4; SEC File No. 270–566; OMB Control No. 3235–0627.

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 a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection provided for in Rule 17g–4 (17 CFR 240.17g–4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”).

The Rating Agency Act added a new Section 15E, “Registration of Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations,”<sup>1</sup> to the Exchange Act. Rule 17g–4 requires that a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (“NRSRO”) has written policies and procedures to prevent the misuse of material nonpublic information including: procedures designed to prevent the inappropriate dissemination of material nonpublic information obtained in connection with the performance of credit rating services; procedures designed to prevent a person associated with the rating organization from trading on material nonpublic information; and procedures

designed to prevent the inappropriate dissemination of a pending credit rating.<sup>2</sup>

It is anticipated that 30 credit rating agencies will register with the Commission as NRSROs under Section 15E of the Exchange Act. The Commission estimates that it will take approximately 50 hours for an NRSRO to establish procedures in conformance with Rule 17g–4 for a total one-time burden for the 30 credit rating agencies the Commission estimates will register as NRSROs of 1,500 hours.<sup>3</sup>

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*Comments should be directed to:* (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an e-mail to: *Shagufta\_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov*; and (ii) Charles Boucher, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to *PRA\_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 17, 2010.

**Florence E. Harmon,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**[Rule 15c3–1f; SEC File No. 270–440; OMB Control No. 3235–0496]**

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previously approved collection of information provided for in the following rule: Appendix F to Rule 15c3–1 (“Appendix F”) (17 CFR 240.15c3–1f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”).

Appendix F requires a broker-dealer choosing to register, upon Commission approval, as an OTC derivatives dealer to develop and maintain an internal risk management system based on Value-at-Risk (“VaR”) models. Appendix F also requires the OTC derivatives dealer to notify Commission staff of the system and of certain other periodic information including when the VaR model deviates from the actual performance of the OTC derivatives dealer’s portfolio. It is anticipated that a total of five (5) broker-dealers will spend 1,000 hours per year complying with Rule 15c3–1f. The total burden is estimated to be approximately 5,000 hours.

The records required to be kept pursuant to Appendix F and results of periodic reviews conducted pursuant to Rule 15c3–4 generally must be preserved under Rule 17a–4 of the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.17a–4) for a period of not less than three years, the first two years in an easily accessible place. The Commission will not generally publish or make available to any person notices or reports received pursuant to the Rule. The statutory basis for the Commission’s refusal to disclose such information to the public is the exemption contained in Section (b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, which essentially provides that the requirement of public dissemination does not apply to commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential.

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<sup>2</sup> See Rule 17g–4. Release No. 34–55231 (Feb. 2, 2007), 72 FR 6378 (Feb. 9, 2007); and Release No. 34–55857 (June 5, 2007), 72 FR 33564 (June 18, 2007).

<sup>3</sup> 50 hours × 30 NRSROs = 1,500 hours.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o–7.