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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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing
in the listing below are the individual
authorities established under Schedules
A, B, and C between December 1, 2010,
and December 31, 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

Schedule A authorities to report
during December 2010:

Section 3105 Department of the
Treasury.

(a) Office of the Secretary.

(4) Up to 35 temporary or time-limited
positions at the GS-9 through 15 grade
levels to support the organization,
design and stand-up activities for the
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,
as mandated by Public Law 111-203.
This authority may be used for the
following series: GS-201, GS-501, GS-
560, GS-1035, GS-1102, GS-1150, GS-
1720, GS-1801, and GS-2210. No new
appointments may be made under this
authority after July 21, 2011, the
designated transfer date of the CFPB.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities to report
during December 2010.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C
appointments were approved during
December 2010.

| Agency name | Organization name | Position title | Authorization No. | Effective date |
|--|--|---|-------------------|----------------|
| DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. | Special Assistant | DA110011 | 12/01/2010 |
| | Office of Communications | Deputy Director, Operations | DA110016 | 12/01/2010 |
| | Office of the General Counsel | Senior Counselor | DA110009 | 12/10/2010 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development. | Chief of Staff | DA110018 | 12/29/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS .. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION. | Office of the Deputy Secretary | Special Assistant | DC110021 | 12/14/2010 |
| | Staff Members | Special Assistant | CC110001 | 12/14/2010 |
| | Office of the Chairperson | Administrative Assistant | CT110001 | 12/29/2010 |
| COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. | Council on Environmental Quality | Special Assistant | EQ110002 | 12/13/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE | Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). | Senior Communications Ad- visor for Under Secretary of Defense. | DD110019 | 12/03/2010 |
| | Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). | Strategic Planner | DD110026 | 12/13/2010 |
| | Washington Headquarters Ser- vices. | Defense Fellow | DD110030 | 12/22/2010 |
| | Washington Headquarters Ser- vices. | Defense Fellow | DD110027 | 12/13/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY | Office of the Secretary | Special Assistant | DN110007 | 12/21/2010 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Special Assistant | DN110008 | 12/21/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION | Office of the Under Secretary | Confidential Assistant | DB110008 | 12/10/2010 |
| | Office of the Secretary | Confidential Assistant | DB110011 | 12/10/2010 |
| | Office of the Under Secretary | Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neigh- borhood Partnerships. | DB110012 | 12/10/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY | Office of Public Affairs | Chief Speechwriter | DE110018 | 12/22/2010 |
| | Board of Directors | Executive Secretary | EB110004 | 12/06/2010 |
| | Office of the Executive Vice Presi- dent. | Senior Vice President of Congressional Affairs. | EB110005 | 12/14/2010 |
| GENERAL SERVICES ADMINIS- TRATION. | New England Region | Regional Administrator | GS110005 | 12/23/2010 |
| | Office of the Administrator | Senior Advisor of the Chief of Staff. | GS110011 | 12/30/2010 |
| | Office of Communications and Marketing. | Associate Administrator for Communications and Marketing. | GS110010 | 12/29/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation. | Special Assistant | DH110014 | 12/10/2010 |

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| DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. | Confidential Assistant, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. | DH110013 | 12/10/2010 |
| | Office of the Executive Secretary for Operations and Administration. | Secretary Briefing Book Coordinator. | DM110023 | 12/13/2010 |
| | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. | Press Assistant | DM110026 | 12/13/2010 |
| | Office of the General Counsel | Special Assistant | DM110028 | 12/13/2010 |
| | Immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary. Department of Homeland Security | Special Assistant | DM110030 | 12/29/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. | Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communications. | Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communications. | DM110031 | 12/22/2010 |
| | Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer. | Staff Assistant | DU110010 | 12/10/2010 |
| | Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. | Senior Advisor | DU110004 | 12/10/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR | Office of Policy Development and Research. | Special Assistant | DU110011 | 12/21/2010 |
| | Office of the Deputy Secretary | Special Assistant | DI110013 | 12/22/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | Office of Public Affairs | Press Assistant | DJ110023 | 12/29/2010 |
| | Office of the Deputy Attorney General. | Counsel | DJ110025 | 12/30/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF LABOR | Office of the Deputy Attorney General. | Senior Counsel | DJ100172 | 12/21/2010 |
| | Office of Legal Policy | Counsel | DJ110027 | 12/30/2010 |
| | Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. | Senior Legislative Officer ... | DL110008 | 12/17/2010 |
| SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. | Office of Communications and Public Liaison. | Senior Communications Assistant. | SB110005 | 12/08/2010 |
| | Office of Field Operations | Regional Administrator, Region III, Philadelphia, PA. | SB110006 | 12/10/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF STATE | Foreign Policy Planning Staff | Speechwriter | DS110013 | 12/03/2010 |
| DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. | Secretary of the Treasury | Special Assistant | DY110023 | 12/20/2010 |

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

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Promissory Note Proceedings

February 15, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 4, 2011, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been substantially prepared by FINRA. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to amend Rule 13806 of the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes (“Industry Code”) to provide that FINRA will appoint a chair-qualified public arbitrator to a panel resolving a promissory note dispute instead of appointing a chair-qualified public arbitrator also qualified to resolve a statutory discrimination claim.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

In 2009, FINRA implemented new procedures to expedite the administration of cases that solely involve a broker-dealer’s claim that an associated person failed to pay money owed on a promissory note.³ Under

³ See Securities Exchange Act Rel. No. 60132 (June 17, 2009), 74 FR 30191 (June 24, 2009) (File No. SR–FINRA–2009–015). FINRA announced implementation of New Rule 13806 (Promissory

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.