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By Gerard Poliquin, Secretary of the Board, the National Credit Union Administration, on May 21, 2019.

Dated: May 23, 2019.

Dawn D. Wolfgang,

NCUA PRA Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 29, 2019 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite W18200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292–7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: “National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide.”

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0058.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2020.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

The primary purpose of this revision is to update the PAPPG to incorporate a number of policy-related changes and clarifications of language. The draft NSF PAPPG is now available for your review and consideration on the NSF website at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>. To facilitate review, revised text has been highlighted in yellow throughout the document to identify significant changes. A brief comment explanation of the change also is provided.

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 81–507) sets forth NSF’s mission and purpose:

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. . . .”

The Act authorized and directed NSF to initiate and support:

- Basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process;
- Programs to strengthen scientific and engineering research potential;
- Science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all the various fields of science and engineering;
- Programs that provide a source of information for policy formulation; and
- Other activities to promote these ends.

NSF’s core purpose resonates clearly in everything it does: Promoting achievement and progress in science and engineering and enhancing the potential for research and education to contribute to the Nation. While NSF’s vision of the future and the mechanisms it uses to carry out its charges have evolved significantly over the last six decades, its ultimate mission remains the same.

Use of the Information: The regular submission of proposals to the Foundation is part of the collection of information and is used to help NSF fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 50,000 proposals annually for new projects, and makes approximately 11,000 new awards.

Support is made primarily through grants, contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,000 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based mainly on merit evaluations of proposals submitted to the Foundation.

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its information collection to identify

and address excessive reporting burdens as well as to identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of the proposed principal investigator(s)/ project director(s) or the co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s).

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 50,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year for a total of 6,000,000 public burden hours annually.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 23, 2019.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

PLACE: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The one item is open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: 58913 Highway Accident Report—School Bus Run-Off-Road Crash and Fire, Oakland, Iowa, December 12, 2017.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314–6100. The press and public may enter the NTSB Conference Center one hour prior to the meeting for set up and seating.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact

Rochelle McCallister at (202) 314–6305 or by email at Rochelle.McCallister@ntsb.gov by Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

The public may view the meeting via a live or archived webcast by accessing a link under “News & Events” on the NTSB home page at www.nts.gov.

Schedule updates, including weather-related cancellations, are also available at www.nts.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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FOR MEDIA INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Holloway at (202) 314–6144 or by email at hollowk@ntsb.gov.

Friday, May 24, 2019.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2019–155; Order No. 5102]

Competitive Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recent filing by the Postal Service of its intention to change prices not of general applicability to reflect a range of prices to take effect on a date determined by the Postal Service Governors. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* June 21, 2019.

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

On May 20, 2019, the Postal Service filed a notice of a proposed range of

prices for Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters (E format), and for associated Inbound Registered Service.¹ The Postal Service intends for the prices to take effect on a date to be determined by the Postal Service Governors. Notice at 1. The Postal Service concurrently filed a notice of filing of non-public library references.² The Postal Service’s Notice requests the Commission’s review and approval of new rates for Inbound E format Letter Post, but does so in a unique and unprecedented manner. As described further below, the Postal Service, in lieu of providing specific rates, has proposed a range of rates for both the piece and weight components of the proposed pricing structure.

II. Background

Current Inbound E format Letter Post prices, known as terminal dues, were set through the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Notice at 2. The UPU terminal dues system has long been a concern of the Commission, and the Commission has noted that the current pricing regime results in noncompensatory terminal dues.³ The Commission has described UPU terminal dues as discriminatory because they are not equivalent to domestic postage rates in the destination country. Order No. 4980 at 3.

On August 23, 2018, President Donald J. Trump issued a presidential memorandum to the Postmaster General and the Chairman of the Commission, among others, entitled “Modernizing the Monetary Reimbursement Model for the Delivery of Goods Through the International Postal System and Enhancing the Security and Safety of International Mail.”⁴ The Postal Service states that the Presidential Memorandum identifies economic distortion as a result of foreign merchants receiving the benefit of lower distribution costs in the United States

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound E-Format Letter Post, and Application for Non-Public Treatment, May 20, 2019 (Notice).

² Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing of Non-Public Library References, May 20, 2019 (Non-Public LR Notice).

³ Docket No. MC2019–17, Order Conditionally Approving Transfer, January 9, 2019, at 3 (Order No. 4980).

⁴ Presidential Memorandum for the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Homeland Security, Postmaster General, and Chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission, August 23, 2018 (Presidential Memorandum), available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-memorandum-secretary-state-secretary-treasury-secretary-homeland-security-postmaster-general-chairman-postal-regulatory-commission/>.

compared to domestic vendors. Notice at 3.

Consistent with the policy objectives outlined in the Presidential Memorandum, the Secretary of State gave notice to the UPU on October 17, 2018, that the United States would withdraw as a member country, effective one year from the announcement.⁵ The White House Press Secretary issued a statement indicating that the President concurred with the recommendation from the Department of State that the United States should adopt self-declared rates for terminal dues as soon as practical, but no later than January 1, 2020.⁶

Since issuing its notice to withdraw from the UPU, the United States has continued to negotiate with other UPU member countries to “reach a mutually acceptable solution to satisfy the aims of the Presidential Memorandum.” Notice at 5. The Postal Service states that because it does not yet know the result of current State Department negotiations on achieving “the President’s stated goal to remain within the UPU following elimination of the economic distortion” in the current system, it posits that a range of rates for E format items that accommodates those negotiations is “in the best interests of the United States and the Postal Service.” *Id.* The Postal Service states that this range allows the Postal Service to preserve flexibility, enabling it to institute rates for E format Letter Post whether the United States is in or out of the UPU. *Id.*

In Order No. 4980, the Commission conditionally approved the transfer of Inbound E format Letter Post items from the market dominant to competitive products list. Order No. 4980 at 23.

III. Proposed Rates

The Postal Service’s Notice includes an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal (Attachment 1), a Statement of Explanation and Justification for the proposed rate range (Attachment 2), and a certification of prices (Attachment 3). Notice, Attachments 1–3. The Postal Service filed the proposed rates and underlying workpapers under seal in this docket. *See* Notice at 2. The Postal Service states that the price range and workpapers include “commercially sensitive information, such as price, volume, cost, and revenue data, certain non-published rates, negotiated contract data, and underlying calculations.” Non-Public LR Notice at 2. The Postal

⁵ *See* Statement from the Press Secretary, October 17, 2018, available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-press-secretary-38/>.

⁶ *Id.*; *see* Order No. 4980 at 4.