

Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has prepared an information collection for OMB review and approval and has requested public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information; the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate; the quality, practical utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize reporting the burden, including automated collected techniques and uses of other forms of technology.

**DATES:** Comments must be received within 60 calendar-days of publication of this Notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and requests for copies of the subject form to the Agency Submitting Officer: Essie Bryant, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20527.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Agency Submitting Officer: Essie Bryant, Records Manager, (202) 336-8563.

#### Summary Form Under Review

*Type of Request:* New form.

*Title:* U.S. Effects Screening Questionnaire.

*Form Number:* OPIC-252.

*Frequency of Use:* One per investor per project (as needed) and OPIC-supported financial intermediaries (as required by finance agreement or insurance contract).

*Type of Respondents:* Businesses or other institutions; individuals.

*Standard Industrial Classification Codes:* All.

*Description of Affected Public:* U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

*Reporting Hours:* 200 (2 hours per form).

*Number of Responses:* 100 per year.

*Federal Cost:* \$15,276.

*Authority for Information Collection:* Sections 231 (k)-(m) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

*Abstract (Needs and Uses):* The U.S. Effects Screening Questionnaire will be used to identify potential negative impacts on the U.S. economy and employment which could result from the investment. This form is submitted prior to a formal OPIC application or as required by OPIC-supported financial intermediaries. Title VI of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, (codified at 22 U.S.C. 2191 et seq.) prohibits OPIC from supporting investments that are likely to cause the

loss of U.S. jobs, or that have performance requirements that may reduce substantially the positive trade benefits likely to accrue to the U.S. from the investment.

Dated: August 22, 2014.

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#### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

##### Submission for Review: Health Benefits Election Form, SF 2809, 3206-0160

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Healthcare & Insurance/Federal Employee Insurance Operations (FEIO), Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a revised information collection request (ICR) 3206-0160, Health Benefits Election Form. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 25, 2014 at Volume 79 FR 23020 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 29, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503,

Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

The Health Benefits Election Form is used by Federal employees, annuitants other than those under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) including individuals receiving benefits from the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, former spouses eligible for benefits under the Spouse Equity Act of 1984, and separated employees and former dependents eligible to enroll under the Temporary Continuation of Coverage provisions of the FEHB law (5 U.S.C. 8905a). A different form (OPM 2809) is used by CSRS and FERS annuitants whose health benefit enrollments are administered by OPM's Retirement Operations.

#### Analysis

*Agency:* Federal Employee Insurance Operations, Office of Personnel Management.

*Title:* Health Benefits Election Form.

*OMB Number:* 3206-0160.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 18,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 9,000.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Katherine Archuleta,**

*Director.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. PI2014-1; Order No. 2163]

### Statutory Public Service or Public Activity Reporting

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is establishing a proceeding on the scope of public service or activity cost reporting pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3651(b)(1)(C). The Commission seeks public comment on this topic. It is also filing a related Postal Service memorandum as a library reference. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* September 17, 2014.

**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

The Commission invites public comment concerning the scope of public service or activity cost reporting in its Annual Report to the President and Congress (Annual Report). Specifically, the Commission seeks public comment on the universe of other public services or activities that the Commission should review under 39 U.S.C. 3651(b)(1)(C).

#### II. Background

Each year, to fulfill its responsibilities under 39 U.S.C. 3651, the Commission issues an Annual Report concerning its operations under title 39. 39 U.S.C. 3651(a). The Annual Report must contain, among other things, an estimate of the costs incurred by the Postal

Service in providing other public services or activities which, in the judgment of the Postal Regulatory Commission, would not otherwise have been provided by the Postal Service but for the requirements of law. *Id.* 3651(b)(1)(C).

In its most recent Annual Report, the Commission stated that in 2014 it would review the scope of other public services or activities under section 3651(b)(1)(C).<sup>1</sup> For FY 2013, that estimate included only the costs of delivering mail six days a week instead of five days, and revenue lost from unzoned First-Class Mail and Library/Media rates *Id.* at 30. The Commission noted, however, that this approach may be too narrow, and that a more comprehensive interpretation of section 3651(b)(1)(C) could also include the estimated net cost of activities such as the Inspection Service or the Postal Service Office of Inspector General, as well as services such as the addressing system or emergency response. *Id.* at 31.

The legislative history of 39 U.S.C. 3651 provides some insight into determining what Postal Service actions to include as other public services or activities. A 2005 House Committee Report stated that as part of the Annual Report, the Commission is directed to prepare an estimate of public service costs borne by the Postal Service including universal service costs, revenue-forgone costs, and other costs (e.g., law enforcement activities).<sup>2</sup> Aside from law enforcement activities, other public services or activities may include provisions in the U.S. Code that require the Postal Service to provide services or activities that may fall under the rubric of the public interest.

In early 2014, the Commission requested that the Postal Service provide its views on the universe of other public service or activities that it believes the Commission should review under section 3651(b)(1)(C), including an estimate of these costs. The Postal Service submitted an analysis of activities that could qualify for reporting under section 3651(b)(1)(C), which is included in this docket as Library Reference 1. In its analysis, the Postal Service identified the following activities for potential future reporting:

- Employee and retiree health benefits;
- Federal retirement benefits;
- Binding arbitration of labor issues;
- Postal Inspection Service;
- Office of Inspector General;

<sup>1</sup> Annual Report to the President and Congress Fiscal Year 2013 at 31.

<sup>2</sup> H.R. Rep. No. 109-66, part 1, at 50 (2005).

• Merit Systems Protection Board and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission appeals;

• Federal workers' compensation program; and

• Other regulatory requirements, including Postal Regulatory Commission funding and aspects of service performance measurement, emergency detection and response, and federal purchasing requirements. See Library Reference 1 at 4-16.

The Postal Service also states that other unfunded mandates, such as compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act, impose costs that may not be substantial enough to warrant reporting in the Annual Report. *Id.* at 16. It emphasizes that it is not suggesting that the activities listed in the analysis are unimportant or that the Postal Service necessarily should not be required to perform them. *Id.* at 4. Rather, it asserts that the purpose of section 3651(b)(1)(C)'s reporting requirement is to inform Congress and the President of Postal Service mandates so that policymakers may make better informed decisions in these areas. *Id.*

#### III. Public Inquiry

The Commission establishes Docket No. PI2013-2 to invite public comment on the meaning of other public services or activities in 39 U.S.C. 3651(b)(1)(C). Specifically, it seeks comments on the Postal Service's analysis of activities that could qualify for reporting under section 3651(b)(1)(C), which is included as Library Reference 1. The Commission also requests comments that identify additional public services or activities that should be included in this calculation and an estimate of these costs. For each public service or activity identified, comments should provide the estimated FY 2013 cost or an explanation of how such costs could be estimated, as well as the basis used to develop any estimated costs.

Comments are due no later than September 17, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than October 1, 2014. Comments are to be submitted via the Commission's online filing system at <http://www.prc.gov> unless a waiver is obtained. Information on how to obtain a waiver may be found by contacting the Commission's dockets section at 202-789-6846.

Section 505 of title 39 requires designation of an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) in all public proceedings to represent the interests of the general public. The Commission hereby designates James Waclawski as Public Representative in this proceeding.