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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 300

[Docket ID: OPM-2023-0014]

RIN 3206-AO37

Bar to Appointment of Persons Who Fail To Register Under Selective Service Law

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) withdraws a proposed rule published on February 7, 2024. The notice of proposed rulemaking proposed to revise the procedures for determining whether an individual's failure to register with the Selective Service System (SSS) was knowing and willful.

DATES: OPM withdraws the proposed rule published on February 7, 2024, at 89 FR 8352, as of July 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this withdrawn rule is available at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/OPM-2023-0014>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Mahoney by email at employ@opm.gov or by telephone at 202-936-3265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 7, 2024, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM or proposed rule) titled "Bar to Appointment of Persons Who Fail to Register Under Selective Service Law" in the **Federal Register**. See 89 FR 8352. The NPRM proposed to change the procedures for determining whether an individual's failure to register with the SSS was knowing and willful. Specifically, OPM proposed to clarify the applicable standard used to determine what constitutes "knowing and willful," to establish new procedures for individuals to submit evidence in support of their non-

registration, and to allow Executive agencies to make the initial determination as to whether an individual's failure to register with the SSS was knowing and willful.

In response to the NPRM, OPM received approximately 13 comments during the 60-day comment period which ended on April 8, 2024.

All agencies participate in the semi-annual Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions ("Unified Agenda"), which provides a summary description of the regulatory actions that each agency is considering or reviewing. Withdrawal of this proposed rule will allow OPM to better align its entries on the Unified Agenda with OPM's needs, priorities, and objectives.

Accordingly, for each of these independently sufficient reasons, OPM is withdrawing the NPRM associated with Regulation Identifier Numbers ("RIN") 3206-AO37. Should OPM decide at a future date to initiate the same or similar rulemakings, OPM will issue a new NPRM under a new RIN.

Office of Personnel Management.

Jerson Matias,

Federal Register Liaison.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 550

RIN 3206-AN83

Attorney Fees and Personnel Action Coverage Under the Back Pay Act

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is withdrawing a proposed rule published on October 7, 2020. The notice of proposed rulemaking, *inter alia*, proposed revising OPM's regulations governing the coverage of, and attorney fee awards under, the Back Pay Act. OPM withdrew the proposed rule on March 12, 2021, but issues this clarification reiterating that the proposed rule is withdrawn.

DATES: As of July 15, 2025, OPM withdraws the proposed rule published October 7, 2020 (85 FR 63218), which

was withdrawn from the regulatory agenda on March 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this withdrawn rule is available at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/OPM-2025-0041>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carey Jones by email at paypolicy@opm.gov or by telephone at 202-606-2858.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 7, 2020, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM or proposed rule) titled "Attorney Fees and Personnel Action Coverage Under the Back Pay Act" in the **Federal Register** ("2020 NPRM"). See 85 FR 63218. The 2020 NPRM proposed to revise OPM's regulations governing the coverage of, and attorney fee awards under, the Back Pay Act. The proposed regulations would have added a definition of "employee's personal representative" for purposes of the payment of attorney fees. The rule also would have clarified the actions qualifying for back pay, added a definition of "personnel action," and revised the definition of "unjustified or unwarranted personnel action."

In response to the 2020 NPRM, OPM received approximately 38 comments during the 30-day comment period which ended on November 6, 2020. Some commenters raised significant legal and policy concerns with the proposal. The comments received raised a number of issues that warrant further attention and suggest that OPM should further assess the best regulatory approach.

On March 12, 2021, OPM withdrew its 2020 NPRM from its regulatory agenda (see <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?pubId=202104&RIN=3206-AN83>) to pursue other agency priorities. Nevertheless, in an abundance of caution, OPM hereby clarifies that the 2020 NPRM is withdrawn. OPM continues to consider the best means of addressing some or all of the issues addressed in the 2020 NPRM. OPM believes that it would benefit from seeking comments on any new proposal that might account for the specific issues raised in the comments received;

accordingly, OPM plans to issue a new proposal under a new RIN.

Jerson Matias,

Federal Register Liaison, Office of Personnel Management.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 27

[WT Docket No. 21–333; DA 25–527; FR ID 302623]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Designates for Hearing Dispute Regarding C-Band Reimbursement Claims

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notification of hearing.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB or Bureau) grants Anuvu Licensing Holdings, LLC's Petition for *De Novo* Review (Anuvu) and commences a hearing in connection with the 3.7–4.2 GHz Band (C-band) Transition Relocation Payment Clearinghouse's (RPC or clearinghouse) decision which denied Anuvu's cost reimbursement claims as they relate to its Raisting, Germany site. The issues designated for hearing are whether Anuvu met its burden of proof to demonstrate that the RPC erred in its finding that the claims were not compensable in-so-far as they relate to the Raisting site, which is located outside the United States; whether the RPC properly applied Commission guidance to the claims in question; and whether the disallowed amount of \$960,694.35 should be reimbursed to Anuvu.

DATES: Anuvu shall file a written appearance by July 8, 2025 stating its intention to appear on the date fixed for the hearing and present evidence on the issues specified in the *Hearing Designation Order*.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 45 L St. NE, Washington, DC 20554.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on this

proceeding, contact Paul Powell of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418–1613 or Paul.Powell@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Hearing Designation Order, *Anuvu Hearing Designation Order*, released on June 18, 2025. The full text of this document is available for public inspection online at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-527A1.pdf>.

1. By this *Hearing Designation Order*, pursuant to sections 0.131, 0.331, and 27.1421(c) of the Commission's rules, the *Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band*, 35 FCC Rcd 2343 (3.7 GHz Report and Order), and the *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Procedures for Appeals of Relocation Payment Clearinghouse Decisions*, WT Docket No. 21–333, Public Notice, DA 22–300 (*RPC Appeals Procedures Public Notice*), the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) grants a Petition for *De Novo* Review (Petition), filed on April 4, 2025, by Anuvu Licensing Holdings, LLC. (Anuvu) and designates this case to be tried as a written proceeding under the Commission's rules for hearing proceedings, with the Administrative Law Judge serving as the presiding officer. As discussed below, the issues designated for hearing relate to the 3.7–4.2 GHz Band (C-band) Transition Relocation Payment Clearinghouse's (RPC or clearinghouse) decision which denied Anuvu's actual cost reimbursement claims as they relate to its Raisting, Germany (Raisting) earth station site.

2. In the *3.7 GHz Report and Order*, the Commission adopted rules to make 280 megahertz of mid-band spectrum available for flexible use throughout the contiguous United States by transitioning existing services out of the lower portion of the band and into the upper 200 megahertz of the C-band. The Commission required new 3.7 GHz Service licensees to reimburse the reasonable relocation costs of eligible Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) space station operators, incumbent FSS earth station operators, and incumbent Fixed Service licensees (collectively, incumbents) to transition out of the band. The *3.7 GHz Report and Order* also specified that incumbent FSS earth station operators may accept either: (1) reimbursement for their actual, reasonable relocation costs “needed to transition existing operations in the contiguous United States out of the lower 300 megahertz of the C-band”; or (2) a lump sum reimbursement “based on the average, estimated costs of

relocating all of their incumbent earth stations” to the upper 200 megahertz of the C-band.

3. The *3.7 GHz Report and Order* further provided for the creation of an independent clearinghouse to administer, subject to the Commission's rules and oversight, the cost-related aspects of the transition in a fair and transparent manner, “to mitigate financial disputes among stakeholders, and to collect and distribute payments in a timely manner.” To provide the clearinghouse, incumbents, and new 3.7 GHz Service licensees with a range of reasonable transition costs, the *3.7 GHz Report and Order* directed the Bureau to establish a cost catalog of the types of expenses that incumbents were likely to incur. The Commission directed the clearinghouse to presume as reasonable all actual cost reimbursement submissions that fall within the estimated range of costs in the *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Releases Final Cost Category Schedule for 3.7–4.2 GHz Band Relocation Expenses and Announces Process and Deadline for Lump Sum Elections*, 35 FCC Rcd 7967 (*Final Cost Catalog Public Notice*) produced by the Bureau. Incumbents seeking reimbursement for their actual costs are not precluded from including costs that exceed the amounts in the *Final Cost Catalog Public Notice*, so long as those costs are reasonably necessary to the transition, and incumbents provide justification to the clearinghouse.

4. All reimbursement claims—whether for actual costs or lump sum amounts—must be submitted to the clearinghouse for review pursuant to section 27.1416 of the Commission's rules. The clearinghouse “will determine in the first instance whether costs submitted for reimbursement are reasonable” and whether they comply with the requirements adopted in the *3.7 GHz Report and Order*. To the extent a claimant or one or more responsible 3.7 GHz Service licensees wish to dispute the clearinghouse's determination with respect to a submitted claim, they must file a notice of objection as required by section 27.1421(a) of the Commission's rules. The clearinghouse may in the first instance mediate any disputes or refer the disputant parties to alternative dispute resolution fora. Subsequent appeals to the Bureau may be submitted pursuant to the procedures set forth in the *RPC Appeals Procedures Public Notice*. Following a Bureau decision in either a single-party or multi-party dispute, any party to a specific matter wishing to appeal that decision may do so by filing with the Commission,