

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 3, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Sharer or Kristina Yeh, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury at (202) 504-3550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Treasury has established a fee structure for the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities maintained on NBES. Treasury reassesses this fee structure periodically, based on our review of the latest book-entry costs and volumes.

For each Treasury securities transfer or reversal sent or received on or after January 3, 2012, the basic fee will increase from \$0.38 to \$0.48. The Federal Reserve will also increase its fee for Federal Reserve funds movement from \$0.07 to \$0.09. This will result in

a combined fee of \$0.57 for each transfer of Treasury book-entry securities. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry securities transfer will increase from \$33.00 to \$40.00. Off-line refers to the sending and receiving of transfer messages to or from a Reserve Bank by means other than on-line access such as by written, facsimile, or telephone voice instruction. The basic transfer fee assessed to both sends and receives is reflective of costs associated with the processing of securities transfers. The off-line surcharge reflects the additional processing costs associated with the manual processing of off-line securities transfers.

Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and

reconstitution of Treasury securities, the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. Treasury currently absorbs these costs.

The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES. Information concerning fees for book-entry transfers of Government Agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve System, is set out in a separate **Federal Register** notice published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on January 3, 2012, for book-entry transfers on NBES:

TREASURY-NBES FEE SCHEDULE ¹—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2012

[In dollars]

| Transfer type | Basic fee | Off-line surcharge | Funds ² movement fee | Total fee |
|---|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| On-line transfer originated | 0.48 | N/A | 0.09 | 0.57 |
| On-line transfer received | 0.48 | N/A | 0.09 | 0.57 |
| On-line reversal transfer originated | 0.48 | N/A | 0.09 | 0.57 |
| On-line reversal transfer received | 0.48 | N/A | 0.09 | 0.57 |
| Off-line transfer originated | 0.48 | 40.00 | 0.09 | 40.57 |
| Off-line transfer received | 0.48 | 40.00 | 0.09 | 40.57 |
| Off-line account switch received | 0.48 | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.57 |
| Off-line reversal transfer originated | 0.48 | 40.00 | 0.09 | 40.57 |
| Off-line reversal transfer received | 0.48 | 40.00 | 0.09 | 40.57 |

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² The funds movement fee is not a Treasury fee, but is charged by the Federal Reserve for the cost of moving funds associated with the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security.

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Richard L. Gregg,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War has scheduled a meeting on November 14-16, 2011, at the Veterans Affairs Regional Office and Insurance Center (VAROIC), 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. The meeting will be held each day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under title 38, United States Code, for veterans

who are former prisoners of war, and to make recommendations on the needs of such Veterans for compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

On November 14, the Committee will hear from its Chairman and the VAROIC Director. They Committee will also receive briefings on the Employee Education System, Veterans Health Initiative, and Robert A. Mitchell Center. The Committee will convene a closed session in order to protect Veteran privacy as the Committee tours VA's Regional Office, Pension Maintenance Center, and Insurance Center. On the morning of November 15, the Committee will reconvene in a closed session to tour the VA Medical Center. Closing portions of these sessions is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b (c) 6). In the afternoon of November 15, the Committee will meet in open session for a Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) panel to gain information on FPOW issues and recommendations for health benefits and claims processing. Public comments will be received at 2 p.m. On November

16, the Committee will discuss their 2011 recommendations and draft of their final Committee report.

Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1-2 page summaries of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Mr. Jim Adams, Executive Assistant, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (21PF), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email at jim.adams1@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Adams at (571) 272-0749.

Dated: November 1, 2011.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,

Committee Management Officer.

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