

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act, this notice announces that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to reinstate a previous approved information collection. Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee, is used to collect information from individuals who have been designated as beneficiaries of the unpaid compensation of a deceased Federal employee who believe that their relationship to the deceased entitles them to receive the unpaid compensation of the deceased Federal employee. OPM needs this information in order to adjudicate the claim and properly assign a deceased Federal employee's unpaid compensation to the appropriate individual(s).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and/or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) and title, by the following method:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information; or

- *Email:* Damon Ford, Merit System Accountability and Compliance, Office of Personnel Management, at damon.ford@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Compensation and Leave Claims Program, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street NW, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Damon Ford, 202-606-2980, or via electronic mail to damon.ford@opm.gov.

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.

MSAC adjudicates classification appeals, job-grading appeals, FLSA claims, compensation and leave claims, and declination of reasonable offer appeals, as well as the settling of disputed claims for unpaid compensation due deceased Federal employees. This adjudicative function provides Federal employees administrative due process rights to challenge compensation and related agency decisions without having to seek redress in Federal courts. These decisions are also a critical resource for agency HR offices in making their own classification, pay, and FLSA determinations.

Analysis

Agency: Merit System Accountability and Compliance, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Standard Form 1153, Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Civilian Employee.

OMB Number: 3260-0234.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Federal Employees and Retirees.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 750 hours.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kellie Cosgrove Riley,

Director, Privacy and Information Management.

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with respect to the service performance dashboard and other questions of data accessibility and usability. This document informs the public of this proceeding, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* March 18, 2022. *Reply comments are due:* April 7, 2022.

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.

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I. Introduction

The Commission's mission is to ensure transparency and accountability of the United States Postal Service and to foster a vital and efficient universal mail system.¹ As part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to promote transparency by making its public data more accessible and usable, the Commission is in the process of developing a new online service performance dashboard. In this docket, the Commission seeks public input with respect to the service performance dashboard, as well as other questions pertaining to data accessibility and usability.

II. Background

As a result of its statutory oversight responsibilities, the Commission has an extensive catalog of public data pertaining to the Postal Service, including information concerning the Postal Service's service performance, finances, operations, and rates.² While

¹ See Postal Regulatory Commission, Strategic Plan: 2017-2022, available at <https://www.prc.gov/sites/default/files/Strategic%20Plan%202017-2022%2009222016%20OSA.pdf>.

² See, e.g., 39 U.S.C. 3652-3653, establishing the annual compliance review process. Other statutory areas of Commission oversight include 39 U.S.C. 3622-3633 (the Market Dominant and Competitive product ratemaking systems); 39 U.S.C. 3641 (market tests); 39 U.S.C. 3642 (mail classification changes); 39 U.S.C. 3654 (required financial reporting from the Postal Service); 39 U.S.C. 3661 (conducting hearings and issuing advisory opinions with respect to nature-of-service changes); and 39 U.S.C. 3662 (hearing rate and service complaints).

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. PI2022-2; Order No. 6104]

Public Inquiry on Service Performance Dashboard

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is initiating a proceeding to propose public input

this information has always been available to the public in the form in which the Commission receives it, it is spread across a myriad of reports and filings in the Commission's docketing system and knowing where to look for relevant information is not necessarily intuitive for the general public. Much of the data exists in the form of "library references," which consist of electronic spreadsheets, workpapers, and other supporting material relevant to Commission proceedings, where it is frequently included within multiple layers of compressed files. See 39 CFR 3010.125.

As directed by statute, the Commission prepares reports on an annual basis, and these reports highlight and discuss important findings, trends, results, etc. with respect to the Postal Service's operations, finances, and performance. However, for generalists and members of the public who are not postal experts, but who seek to obtain specific relevant information relatively quickly, this process may seem somewhat opaque. Moreover, there is a necessary lag time between the receipt of relevant information by the Commission and the issuance of formal reports based on that information. Furthermore, statutorily prescribed reporting periods typically cover previous periods, such as prior fiscal years, such that the information contained in Commission reports can lag what is happening "on the ground" by many months. While the Commission complies with all relevant statutes and strives to make its reports accessible to the general public, the Commission is exploring how the information contained therein might be made even more accessible.

Congress has encouraged federal agencies to improve the quality and accessibility of their data.³ The Commission is required to comply with the OPEN Government Data Act,⁴ and the Commission looks to open data policies for guidance on transparency initiatives. As part of these efforts, the Commission is in the process of developing an online dashboard that provides visual data and interactive tools to allow the public to view service performance results for many of the Postal Service's Market Dominant mail products (and product components) at the national level. The data on which

these results are based are filed each year in Annual Compliance Review (ACR) dockets; but, for the reasons explained above, accessing it may not necessarily be intuitive for members of the public.⁵

Consistent with the data that the Commission receives, the service performance dashboard focuses on national-level service performance results for specific Market Dominant postal products and/or product components.⁶ The dashboard does not have the capability to visualize geographic data, such as regional or ZIP Code level service performance results.⁷ The dashboard reflects information that is already available to the public and does not present any personally identifiable information. The initial service performance dashboard can be found at <https://www.prc.gov/dash-deploy>.

III. Invitation for Comments

The Commission invites interested persons to comment on the initial service performance dashboard, as well as on the Commission's more general efforts to make Postal Service data more accessible and usable for the public. Regarding the service performance dashboard, the Commission seeks comment specifically on the following discussion areas:

- The overall usefulness and desirability of dashboard-style visualization with respect to the Postal Service's national-level service performance.
- The current dashboard's presentation, usability, functionality, and any other features.

⁵ Specifically, service performance data are generally filed in a library reference, typically "Postal Service Library Reference 29," in ACR dockets. See, e.g., Docket No. ACR2020, Library Reference USPS-FY20-29, December 29, 2020 (service performance data pertaining to Fiscal Year 2020); Docket No. ACR2019, Library Reference USPS-FY19-29, December 27, 2019 (service performance data pertaining to Fiscal Year 2019), etc.

⁶ See 39 CFR part 3055, subpart A, which establishes the required level of service performance reporting by the Postal Service.

⁷ The United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General publishes national, division, and district data based on the composite results provided by the Postal Service at the following web page: <https://www.uspsaig.gov/service-performance>. These data are not the product-level results (as required by 39 CFR part 3055) used to evaluate compliance in the ACR dockets. The national composite results serve as public performance indicators used to evaluate the Postal Service's progress toward its High-Quality Service performance goal. See, e.g., Docket No. ACR2020, Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2020 Annual Performance Report and FY 2021 Performance Plan, June 2, 2021, at 34-35.

- The scope of products and/or product components covered by the current dashboard.
- The frequency of desired updates (e.g., quarterly, annually, etc.).
- The desirability of being able to download source data, and if so, in what format.

Regarding data accessibility and usability more generally, the Commission seeks comment specifically on the following discussion areas:

- What, if any, other dashboards should the Commission develop that are consistent with the Commission's statutory authorities (e.g., postal finances, etc.)?
- What other forms of data visualization should the Commission explore?
- Who would be the likely users of Commission dashboards and what information they would be most interested in?
- Whether bulk access and Application Programming Interface (API)⁸ functionality with respect to Commission data would be useful to mailers, postal customers, or other postal stakeholders?

What machine readable formats are most useful to external users?

The dashboard linked above is limited to public information currently provided by the Postal Service to the Commission for its regulatory purposes pursuant to Title 39 and consistent with the Commission's regulations. Comments suggesting presentation of data not currently provided to the Commission or not currently available to the public are beyond the scope of the initial service performance dashboard but may be considered for future efforts to the extent consistent with the law and the Commission's mission and resources.⁹

Comments are due March 18, 2022 and reply comments are due April 7, 2022. Material filed in this docket will be available for review on the Commission's website, <http://www.prc.gov>.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Manon A. Boudreault is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

⁸ "An Application Programming Interface, or API, is a set of software instructions and standards that allows machine to machine communication," available at <https://digital.gov/2013/04/30/apis-in-government/>.

⁹ The treatment of information and data provided to the Commission as non-public material is governed by 39 U.S.C. 504(g), 3652(f), 3654(f), and 39 CFR parts 3006 and 3011.

³ See, e.g., the E-Government Act, Public Law 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899 (2002); the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act (DATA Act), Public Law 113-101, 128 Stat. 1146 (2014); and the OPEN Government Data Act, Public Law 115-435, 132 Stat. 5534 (2019).

⁴ OPEN Government Data Act, Public Law 115-435, 132 Stat. 5534 (2019), Title II.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. PI2022–2 for the purpose of receiving public input with respect to the Commission's new service performance dashboard and other questions of data accessibility and usability.

2. Interested persons may submit written comments no later than March 18, 2022 and reply comments are due April 7, 2022.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Manon A. Boudreault is appointed to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service™ (USPS™) is proposing to modify a General Privacy Act System of Records to facilitate effective preparedness and response to potential emerging public health crises and other emergency events that may impact Postal Service employees and operations in the working environment. **DATES:** These revisions will become effective without further notice on March 18, 2022 unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via email to the Privacy and Records Management Office, United States Postal Service Headquarters (privacy@usps.gov). Arrangements to view copies of any written comments received, to facilitate public inspection, will be made upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janine Castorina, Chief Privacy and Records Management Officer, Privacy and Records Management Office, 202–268–3069 or privacy@usps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish their systems of records in the **Federal**

Register when there is a revision, change, or addition, or when the agency establishes a new system of records.

I. Background

The Postal Service has determined that General Privacy Act Systems of Records (SOR), USPS 500.300, Emergency Management Records, should be revised to facilitate effective preparedness and response to potential emerging public health crises and other emergency events that may impact Postal Service employees and operations in the working environment.

II. Rationale for Changes to USPS Privacy Act Systems of Records

The emergence of SARS–CoV–2 (COVID–19) in early 2020 identified the need for robust set of policies and practices to ensure operational continuity and employee safety amidst an emergency event, while also protecting individual privacy. To enhance the Postal Service's capability to respond to emergency events, the Postal Service will revise this SOR to broaden the scope of emergency events contemplated therein.

Further, this SOR will be revised to support the collection of information related to ongoing pathogenic public health crises, including an individual's inoculation status related to an ongoing pathogenic public health crisis, as well as to collect information on positive or negative diagnostic test results related to an ongoing pathogenic public health crisis.

These changes will provide greater flexibility to the Postal Service in its ability to prepare for and respond to a wide array of emergencies, and therefore provide greater support in its emergency management procedures.

III. Description of the Modified System of Records

The Postal Service will expand the types of Emergency events contemplated by this SOR, including:

- Natural disasters or other acts of God, such as coastal flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, etc.
- Manmade hazards, such as coastal oil spills and terrestrial chemical contamination.
- Manmade incidents, such as significant automobile accidents and active shooter events.
- Acts of international or domestic terrorism and impacts from terrorism, such as the September 11th, 2001 attacks on New York City; Arlington, Virginia; and Pennsylvania and the 1995 Oklahoma City Federal Building attack.

- Cybersecurity incidents, such as ransomware attacks and computer vulnerability exploits.

- Pathogenic public health crises, such as the Novel Coronavirus Disease–19 (COVID–19) pandemic and the 2014 Ebola outbreaks.

These events listed are intended as illustration and are not exhaustive of the types of events covered by the revisions to this SOR.

Additionally, this SOR has been revised as follows:

- Revisions to purposes 1, 2, 4, and 6.
- Creation of purposes 7 through 13.
- Revisions to Categories of Individuals 1 through 4.
- Addition of Category of Individuals 5.
- Revisions to Categories of Records 1, 2, and 4.
- Additions of Categories of Records 5 and 6.
- Addition of Routine Uses b through e.
- Revisions to Record Source Categories.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, or arguments on this proposal. A report of the proposed revisions has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget for their evaluations. The Postal Service does not expect this amended system of records to have any adverse effect on individual privacy rights. The notice for USPS 500.300, Emergency Management Records, provided below in its entirety, is as follows:

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

USPS 500.300, Emergency Management Records.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Headquarters and all field postal facilities.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Postal Inspector, United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

Vice President, Organization Development, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

Vice President, Facilities, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

Chief Information Security Officer Vice President, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

39 U.S.C. 401 and 410.