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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Katherine Archuleta,**

*Director.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### January 2015 Pay Schedules

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President has signed an Executive order containing the 2015 pay schedules for certain Federal civilian employees. Pursuant to the President's alternative plan issued under 5 U.S.C. 5303(b) and 5304a on August 29, 2014, the Executive order authorizes a 1-percent across-the-board increase for statutory pay systems and provides that locality percentages remain at 2014 levels. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Dismond, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606–2858 or *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 19, 2014, the President signed Executive Order 13686 (79 FR 77361), which implemented the January 2015 pay adjustments. The Executive order provides an across-the-board increase of 1 percent in the rates of basic pay for the statutory pay systems.

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13686 that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2015 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13686 provides the rates for the 2015 General Schedule (GS) and reflects a 1-percent increase from 2014. Executive Order 13686 also includes the percentage

amounts of the 2015 locality payments, which remain at 2014 levels. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13686.)

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2015, locality payments ranging from 14.16 percent to 35.15 percent apply to GS employees in the 34 locality pay areas. The 2015 locality pay area definitions can be found at: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2015/locality-pay-area-definitions/>.

The 2015 locality pay percentages became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2015 (January 11, 2015). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.)

Executive Order 13686 establishes the new Executive Schedule (EX), which incorporates a 1-percent increase required under 5 U.S.C. 5318 (rounded to the nearest \$100). By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13686 establishes the 2015 range of rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES is \$121,956 in 2015. The maximum rate of the SES rate range is \$183,300 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$168,700 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members who are not covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and professional (ST) rate range was increased by 1 percent (\$121,956 in 2015), which is the amount of the across-the-board GS increase. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST

rate range is \$183,300 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$168,700 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are not covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system. Agencies with certified performance appraisal systems for SES members and employees in SL and ST positions must also apply a higher aggregate limitation on pay—up to the Vice President's salary (\$235,300 in 2015.)

Note: Section 738 of title VII of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113–235, December 16, 2014), continues the freeze on the payable pay rates for the Vice President and certain senior political appointees at 2013 levels during calendar year 2015. The section 738 pay freeze does not affect the 2015 rates (or ranges) of pay officially established by Executive Order 13686. Rather, it temporarily bars covered officials from receiving pay increases based on the 2015 increases in those officially established rates (or ranges).

Executive Order 13686 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are increased by 1 percent, rounded to the nearest \$100 in 2015. The rate of basic pay for AL–1 is \$158,700 (equivalent to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule). The rate of basic pay for AL–2 is \$154,800. The rates of basic pay for AL–3/A through 3/F range from \$105,900 to \$146,600.

The rates of basic pay for members of Contract Appeals Boards are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, these rates of basic pay are increased by 1 percent in 2015.

On November 24, 2014, OPM issued a memorandum on behalf of the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and OPM) that continues GS locality payments for ALJs and certain other

non-GS employee categories in 2015. By law, EX officials, SES members, employees in SL/ST positions, and employees in certain other equivalent pay systems are not authorized to receive locality payments. (Note: An exception applies to certain grandfathered SES, SL, and ST employees stationed in a nonforeign area on January 2, 2010.) The locality pay percentages continued for non-GS employees have not been increased in 2015. The memo is available at: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2014/continuation-of-locality-payments-for-non-general-schedule-employees-november-24-2014.pdf>.

On December 19, 2014, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2014–17) on the January 2015 pay adjustments. (See <http://www.chcoc.gov/transmittals/TransmittalDetails.aspx?TransmittalID=6604>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 13686 and provided the 2015 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related information. The “2015 Salary Tables” posted on OPM’s Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/> are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Katherine Archuleta,**

*Director.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2015–44; Order No. 2374]

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning an additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 (GEPS 3) negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* March 9, 2015.

**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 February 26, 2015, the Postal Service filed notice that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 (GEPS 3) negotiated service agreement (Agreement).<sup>1</sup>

To support its Notice, the Postal Service filed a copy of the Agreement, a copy of the Governors’ Decision authorizing the product, a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials. It also filed supporting financial workpapers.

#### II. Notice of Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2015–44 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than March 9, 2015. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Curtis E. Kidd to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

#### III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2015–44 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service’s Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Curtis E. Kidd is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding (Public Representative).

3. Comments are due no later than March 9, 2015.

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

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, February 26, 2015 (Notice).

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–74394; File No. 600–33]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bloomberg STP LLC; Notice of Filing of Application for Exemption From Registration as a Clearing Agency

February 27, 2015.

#### I. Introduction

On March 15, 2013, Bloomberg STP LLC (“BSTP”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) an application on Form CA–1 for exemption from registration as a clearing agency pursuant to section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) and Rule 17Ab2–1 thereunder. BSTP amended its application on May 7, 9, and 10, July 11, August 8, September 18, and November 21, 2013, December 19, 2014, and January 22, 2015. BSTP is requesting an exemption from clearing agency registration in connection with its proposal to offer an electronic trade confirmation (“ETC”) service and a matching service. The Commission is publishing this notice in order to solicit comments from interested persons on the exemption request.<sup>1</sup> The Commission will consider any comments it receives in making its determination whether to grant BSTP’s request for an exemption from clearing agency registration.

#### II. Background

##### A. BSTP Organization

BSTP is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and is wholly-owned by Bloomberg L.P. (“BLP”). BLP is a global business and financial information and news company that is headquartered in New York, with offices around the world. BLP’s principal product is the Bloomberg Professional service, which provides financial market information, data, news and analytics to banks, broker-dealers, institutional investors,

<sup>1</sup> The descriptions set forth in this notice regarding the structure and operations of BSTP have been largely derived from information contained in BSTP’s amended Form CA–1 application and publicly available sources. The application and non-confidential exhibits thereto are available on the Commission’s Web site.