

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Federal Finance). Effective June 29, 1995.

General Services Administration

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for FTS 2000. Effective June 12, 1995.

Office of the United States Trade Representative

Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs to the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs. Effective June 22, 1995.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective June 22, 1995.

U.S. International Trade Commission

Staff Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective June 22, 1995.

United States Information Agency

Deputy Director to the Director, Office of Arts America. Effective June 21, 1995.

United States Tax Court

Secretary (confidential Assistant) to the Judge. Effective June 30, 1995.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Lorriane A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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Series Consolidation

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to simplify the Federal position classification structure by reducing the number of occupational series from 442 to about 74.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Michael D. Clogston, Assistant Director for Classification, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H29, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415 (FAX 202-606-4891).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jurkofsky on 202-606-1721 or Raymond E. Moran on 202-606-2970, or FAX 202-606-4891.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Schedule comprises 442 occupational series within 22

occupational groups (job families.) An example of an occupational group is the GS-400, Biological Sciences Group; within the GS-400 group, there are 34 occupational series such as the Microbiology Series, Forestry Series, Range Technician Series, etc. To simplify the Federal position classification structure, the NPR recommended reducing the number of occupational series by one-half or more.

Over the past year and a half, an ad hoc discussion group of OPM staff, representatives of the Interagency Advisory Group executive committee, and Federal unions met to explore issues and approaches to series consolidation. The group generally agreed that we should simplify the structure and that we should look at significant, not incremental, consolidation. The discussion group considered a number of approaches using the NPR goals, and concepts such as equity, clarity, and utility as guiding principles.

OPM Proposal

Retain 20 of the current 22 occupational groups and merge the series within each of the occupational groups into one of four categories: Professional, Administrative, Technical, and Clerical. For example, under the proposal we would merge the 34 professional and technical series within the Biological Sciences Group into two: Biological Sciences Professional and Biological Sciences Technical. (There are no administrative or clerical occupations in this group.)

This reduces the number of series from 442 to about 74. It treats occupations similarly and provides an occupational breakout that remains familiar and understandable to Federal managers and employees. When set up, agencies would be required to use the series structure for *official classification actions*. Under the proposal, however, agencies can retain indefinitely some or all of the 442 occupational series designations and titles for internal use if it suits their needs.

The current occupational series codes will be provisionally retained as "job codes." Agencies will be required to report *job codes* in Governmentwide data collection efforts, including submissions to the Central Personnel Data File. The detailed information available from these job codes is needed for workforce analysis, pay comparability, and special rate determinations. Meanwhile, we will explore the issue of alternate means of storing and collecting occupational data for these purposes with staff of the various agencies.

We are also proposing to abolish the GS-000, Miscellaneous Occupations Group and the GS-700, Veterinary Medical Science Group. The series currently classified in the GS-000 miscellaneous group would be placed in one of the remaining 20 occupational groups; two of the three GS-700 veterinary occupational series would be placed under the renamed GS-600 Medical and Health Group and the GS-799 student trainee series would be abolished. (See Administrative Items below).

We expect to retain most of the existing *functional* classification guides such as the Research Grade Evaluation Guide, the General Schedule Supervisory Guide, and the Office Automation Guide, and to develop new classification standards that comport with the revised group and series structure. In the future, when OPM issues a new broad standard, it will cancel and supersede any existing occupationally specific standards covering the same work. For example, when we issue a new standard in final form for the GS-400 Biological Sciences Professional Series it will cancel and supersede all specific standards in the GS-400 Biological Sciences Group such as the standards covering the Forester Series, the Wildlife Biologist Series, etc.

Administrative Items

1. Several occupational group titles would result in awkward, vague, or inappropriate group and series titles. We are proposing the following changes:

Current occupational group name	Proposed occupational group name
GS-100 Social Science, Psychology, and Welfare.	GS-100 Social Science.
GS-200 Personnel Management and Industrial Relations.	GS-200 Human Resources Management.
GS-300 General Administration, Clerical, and Office Services.	GS-300 Management and Office Services Support.
GS-500 Accounting and Budget.	GS-500 Financial Management.
GS-600 Medical, Hospital, Dental, and Public Health.	GS-600 Medical and Health.
GS-900 Legal and Kindred.	GS-900 Legal.
GS-1600 Equipment, Facilities, and Services.	GS-1600 Equipment and Facilities.
GS-1800 Investigations.	GS-1800 Protective Service.
GS-1900 Quality Assurance, Inspection, and Grading.	GS-1900 Quality Assurance.

2. We are proposing to abolish the GS-000 Miscellaneous Occupations

Group and to place each of the 26 miscellaneous series in an occupational group that best covers its work. The exact placement of each series is as follows:

GS-100 Special Science Group: Community Planning, Community Planning Technician; Outdoor Recreation Planning; Sports Specialist; Chaplain.

GS-900 Legal Group: Foreign Law Specialist.

GS-1000 Information and Arts Group: Clothing Design; Guide.

GS-1100 Business and Industry Group: Bond Sales; Funeral Directing.

GS-1800 Protective Service Group: Correctional Institution Administration Series; Correctional Officer; Safety and Occupational Health Management; Safety Technician; Park Ranger; Environmental Protection Specialist; Environmental Assistant; Fingerprint Identification Series; Security Administration; Fire Protection and Prevention; United States Marshal; Police; Nuclear Materials Courier Service; Security Guard; Security Clerical and Assistance.

3. There are a few occupations and grade levels that are difficult to categorize because of an anomaly in the current PATC identifier, i.e., some occupations are identified as clerical up to a certain grade and technical above the grade. We will study this issue and provide instructions at a later date.

4. We plan to time the implementation of changes in classification that will result from series consolidation to coincide with another mass change (e.g., locality pay increases). This will eliminate the need to issue a *separate* personnel action to effect the change in classification. We propose that blocks 7 and 15 of the Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action to be used to reflect the new classification title and that blocks 9 and 17 be used to record the job code. Block 45, the remarks section of personnel action form, would be used to identify the new implementing instructions that explain how to process the action. This approach minimizes the work required by agencies and, at the same time, serves to notify employees of changes in the classification of their positions as a result of series consolidation.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Cancellation of Open Committee Meeting

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 1995, has been canceled.

Information on other meetings can be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: July 27, 1995.

Anthony P. Ingrassia,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Order No. 1070; Docket No. A95-17]

Prosser, Nebraska 68868 (Faye B. Kral, et al., Petitioners); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)

Issued August 3, 1995.

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III, Vice-Chairman; George W. Haley; H. Edward Quick, Jr.; Wayne A. Schley.

Docket Number: A94-17

Name of Affected Post Office: Prosser, Nebraska 68868

Names(s) of Petitioner(s): Faye B. Kral, et al.

Type of Determination: Closing
Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: July 31, 1995

Categoriess of Issues Apparently Raised:

1. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(C)].
2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)].

After the Postal Service files the administration record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. 404(B)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision

schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission Orders

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by August 15, 1995.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

July 31, 1995

Filing of Appeal letter

August 3, 1995

Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

August 25, 1995

Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.111(b)]

September 5, 1995

Petitioners' Participate Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115 (a) and (b)]

September 25, 1995

Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(C)]

October 10, 1995

Petitioners' Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.115(d)]

October 17, 1995

Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. 3001.116]

November 28, 1995

Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)]

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[Order No. 1069; Docket No. A95-16]

Strang, Nebraska 68444: (Ruth E. Hobbs, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)

Issued August 3, 1995.

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III, Vice-Chairman; George W. Haley; H. Edward Quick, Jr.; Wayne A. Schley.