

across-the-board GS increase. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range is \$212,100 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees who are covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$195,000 (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 (\$272,100 in 2023.)

Note that section 747 of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117–328, December 29, 2022), contains a provision that continues the freeze on the payable pay rates for the Vice President and certain senior political appointees at the rates of pay and applicable limitations on payable rates of pay in effect on December 31, 2022. The section 747 pay freeze is scheduled to end on the last day of the last pay period that begins in calendar year 2023 (January 13, 2024, for those on the standard biweekly pay period cycle). Future Congressional action will determine whether the pay freeze continues beyond that date. OPM guidance on the continued pay freeze for certain senior political officials can be found in CPM 2022–25 at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/continued-pay-freeze-certain-senior-political-officials-7>.

Executive Order 14090 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are increased by 4.1 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100) in 2023. The rate of basic pay for AL–1 is \$183,500 (equivalent to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule). The rate of basic pay for AL–2 is \$178,900. The rates of basic pay for AL–3/A through 3/F range from \$122,400 to \$169,600.

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 4.1 percent in 2023.

On November 30, 2022, 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 and OPM) that continues GS locality payments for ALJs and certain other non-GS employee categories in 2023. 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. See CPM 2009–27 at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/nonforeign-area-retirement-equity-assurance-act>.) The memo is available at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2022/extension-of-locality-pay-memo-for-non-gs-employees-2023.pdf>.

On December 23, 2022, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2022–22) on the 2023 pay adjustments. (See <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/january-2023-pay-adjustments>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 14090 and provided the 2023 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related guidance. The “2023 Salary Tables” posted on OPM's website 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.

Stephen Hickman,

Federal Register Liaison.

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**Submission for OMB Review;
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 15Fi–2 (17 CFR 240.15Fi–2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 15Fi–2 requires security-based swaps (“SBS”) dealers and major SBS participants (collectively, “SBS Entities”) to provide to their counterparties a trade acknowledgment, to provide prompt verification of the

terms provided in a trade acknowledgment of transactions from other SBS Entities, and to have written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to obtain prompt verification of the terms provided in a trade acknowledgment. The Rule promotes the efficient operation of the SBS market and facilitates market participants' management of their SBS-related risk.

The Commission estimates that approximately 48 entities fit within the definition of SBS dealer, and zero entities fit within the definition of major SBS participant. Thus, we expect that approximately 48 entities will be required to register with the Commission as SBS Entities and will be subject to the trade acknowledgment provision and verification requirements of Rule 15Fi–2. The total estimated annual time burden of Rule 15Fi–2 is 22,848 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by February 27, 2023 to (i) www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: January 23, 2023.

Sherry R. Haywood,

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