

NAPS Headquarters Board Memo 002-17

Executive Board,

The first Trump Administration-related action impacting the Postal Service has occurred.

The time process governing finalizing OPM's proposed rule to change the USPS FERS payment formula has been pushed back at least 60 more days, according to the Preibus memo issued on Jan. 20. It's attached.

The memo could also lead to further OMB review of the rule's merits and whether it continues to move through the regulatory process or is withdrawn.

Currently the FERS payment formula for how much USPS pays is based on the demographics of the civil service; the rule change the formula and base it on USPS-specific demographics. This would result in lower payments by USPS.

The original deadline for public comment on the OPM rule was Feb. 27; now it will be at least April 27. We had earlier discussed the plan to file NAPS comments; this wouldn't appear to disrupt that plan.

Btw, the Preibus memo would reach to all other OPM proposed rule changes, in fact all proposed rule changes by all government agencies, generally buying time for the new administration to review these proposed rules further. CQ reported that it's virtually identical to a rule issued by WH COS Rahm Emanuel in 2009.

A Trump executive order imposing a civil service hiring freeze (w/ exceptions) is expected to be issued this week, likely today.

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