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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Fiscal Service**

**Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held on the National Book-Entry System**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury is announcing a new fee schedule for the transfer of book-entry securities maintained on the National Book-Entry System (NBES). This fee schedule will take effect on July 1, 2003. The basic fee for the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security will be \$.21, a 22 percent fee reduction from fees in effect since January 2, 2003. The

Federal Reserve funds movement fee will remain unchanged at \$.05. These changes will result in a combined fee of \$.26 for a Treasury security transfer.

Off-line transfer fees will remain unchanged.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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John M. Lilly, Financial Systems Analyst, Bureau of the Public Debt, Room 510, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20239-0001, telephone (202) 691-3550.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 1, 1985, the Department of the Treasury established a fee structure for the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities maintained on NBES.

Effective July 1, 2003, the basic fee will be \$.21 for each Treasury securities transfer and reversal sent and received, a 22 percent fee reduction from fees in effect since January 2, 2003.

The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book-entry transfer will remain unchanged at \$25.00.

The basic transfer fee assessed to both sends and receives is reflective of costs associated with the processing of a security transfer. The off-line surcharge reflects the additional processing costs associated with the manual processing of off-line securities transfers.

The Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, or for wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. The Treasury currently absorbs these costs and will continue to do so.

The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES. The Federal Reserve System assesses a fee to recover the costs associated with the processing of the funds component of Treasury book-entry transfer messages, as well as the costs of providing book-entry services for government agencies on NBES. This fee will remain unchanged from those assessed since January 2, 2003.

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on July 1, 2003, for the book-entry transfers on NBES:

**TREASURY-NBES FEE SCHEDULE,<sup>1</sup> EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003**

[In Dollars]

Transfer type	Basic fee	Off-line surcharge	Funds <sup>2</sup> movement fee	Total fee
On-line transfer originated .....	.21	.00	.05	.26
On-line transfer received .....	.21	.00	.05	.26
On-line reversal transfer originated .....	.21	.00	.05	.26
On-line reversal transfer received .....	.21	.00	.05	.26
Off-line transfer originated .....	.21	25.00	.05	25.26
Off-line transfer received .....	.21	25.00	.05	25.26
Off-line account switch received .....	.21	.00	.05	.26
Off-line reversal transfer originated .....	.21	25.00	.05	25.26
Off-line reversal transfer received .....	.21	25.00	.05	25.26

<sup>1</sup> The Treasury does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstituting of Treasury securities, or the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. The Treasury currently absorbs these costs and will continue to do so.

<sup>2</sup> The funds movement fee is not a Treasury fee, but is charged by the Federal Reserve for the cost of moving funds associated with the transfer of a Treasury book-entry security.

**Authority:** 31 CFR 357.45.

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**Donald V. Hammond,**

*Fiscal Assistant Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education will meet on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 30, 2003, from 8:30

a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Thursday, July 31, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The meeting on July 29 will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Fourth Street and Chestnut, St. Louis, MO 63102. The meeting on July 30 and 31 will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office, 400 South 18th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2271. Both meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of education and training programs for veterans and

servicepersons, reservists and dependents of veterans under Chapters 30, 32, 35, and 36, Title 38, and Chapter 1606 of Title 10, United States Code.

On July 29, the Committee will host a town hall-style meeting with the Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials. On July 30, the meeting will begin with opening remarks and an overview by Dr. Steve Kime, Committee Chair. In addition, this session will include discussions on pending legislation, results of the means testing meeting with the Department of Education, feedback on the meeting with the Department of Defense Deputy

Secretary for Reserve Affairs, and other Reserve issues. During the afternoon session, there will be a tour of the Regional Processing Office operations. On July 31, the Committee will review and summarize current and past issues addressed during this meeting.

Interested persons may file statements with the Committee, in written form, before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting, by sending them to Mr. Stephen Dillard, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (225B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Oral statements will be

heard at the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office, 400 South 18th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2271, on Thursday, July 31, 2003 at 10 a.m. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Stephen Dillard or Mr. Michael Yunker at (202) 273-7187.

Dated: June 20, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary:

**E. Philip Riggin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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