2472.7 Investigation of request; Panel assistance.

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# Subpart A—Purpose and Definitions

#### §2472.1 Purpose.

The regulations contained in this Part are intended to implement the provisions of section 6131 of title 5 of the United States Code. They prescribe procedures and methods which the Federal Service Impasses Panel may utilize in the resolution of negotiations impasses arising from agency determinations not to establish or to terminate flexible and compressed work schedules.

## §2472.2 Definitions.

(a) The term *the Act* means the Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules Act of 1982, Pub. L. 97-221, 5 U.S.C. 6120 *et seq*.

(b) The term *adverse agency impact* shall have the meaning set forth in 5 U.S.C. 6131(b).

(c) The term *agency* shall have the meaning set forth in 5 U.S.C. 6121(1).

(d) The term *duly authorized delegatee* means an official who has been delegated the authority to act for the head of the agency in the matter concerned.

(e) The term agency determination means a determination: (1) Not to establish a flexible or compressed work schedule under 5 U.S.C. 6131(c)(2); or (2) to terminate such a schedule under 5 U.S.C. 6131(c)(3).

(f) The terms collective bargaining agreement and exclusive representative shall have the meanings set forth in 5 U.S.C. 6121(8).

(g) The term *Executive Director* means the Executive Director of the Panel.

(h) The terms *designated representative* or *designee* of the Panel means a Panel member, staff member, or other individual designated by the Panel to act on its behalf.

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(i) The term *flexible and compressed work schedules* shall have the meaning set forth in 5 U.S.C. 6121 *et seq*.

(j) The term *hearing* means a factfinding hearing or any other hearing procedures deemed necessary to accomplish the purpose of 5 U.S.C. 6131.

(k) The term *impasse* means that point in the negotiation of flexible and compressed work schedules at which the parties are unable to reach agreement on whether a schedule has had or would have an adverse agency impact.

(1) The term *Panel* means the Federal Service Impasses Panel described in 5 U.S.C. 7119(c) or a quorum thereof.

(m) The term *party* means the agency or the exclusive representative participating in negotiations concerning flexible and compressed work schedules.

(n) The term *quorum* means a majority of the members of the Panel.

(o) The term *schedule(s)* means flexible and compressed work schedules.

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## Subpart B—Procedures of the Panel

#### §2472.3 Request for Panel consideration.

Either party, or the parties jointly, may request the Panel to resolve an impasse resulting from an agency determination not to establish or to terminate a flexible or compressed work schedule by filing a request as hereinafter provided. A form is available for use by the parties in filing a request with the Panel. Copies are available from the Office of the Executive Director, Federal Service Impasses Panel, Suite 200, 1400 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20424-0001. Telephone (202) 218-7790. Fax (202) 482-6674. Use of the form is not required provided that the request includes all of the information set forth in §2472.4.

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