§ 850.202 Survivor elections.

(a) A survivor election under subsection (j) or (k) of section 8339, or under section 8416, 8417, or 8420 of title 5, United States Code, which is otherwise required to be in writing may be effected in such form as the Director prescribes under § 850.104.

(b) Except as provided in §§ 831.622(b)(1), 831.631, 831.632, 842.610(b)(1), 842.611, and 842.612 of this chapter, an individual making a survivor election at the time of retirement may not revoke or change that election later than 35 days after the date of the OPM notice to the individual of the amount of annuity to which he or she is entitled.

(2) A retiree may change a survivor election under § 831.622(b)(1) or § 842.610(b)(1) of this chapter no later than 18 months after the commencing date of the annuity to which he or she is entitled.

§ 850.203 Other elections.

(a) Any other election may be effected in such form as the Director prescribes under § 850.104. Such elections include but are not limited to—

(1) Elections of coverage under CSRS, FERS, FEGLI, FEHB or RFEHB by individuals entitled to elect such coverage;

(2) Applications for service credit and applications to make deposit; and

(3) Elections regarding the withholding of State income tax from annuity payments.

(b) Any election, which, if it were not processed under this part, would have a deadline described in reference to the first regular monthly payment or the date of final adjudication, may not be made later than 35 days after the date of the OPM notice to the individual concerned of the amount of annuity to which he or she is entitled.

Subpart C—Records

§ 850.301 Electronic records; other acceptable records.

(a) Acceptable electronic records for processing by the electronic retirement and insurance processing system include—

(1) Electronic employee data submitted by an agency or other entity through EHRI and stored within the new retirement and insurance processing system;

(2) Electronic Official Personnel Folder (e-OPF) data; and

(3) Documents, including hardcopy versions of the Individual Retirement Record (SF 2806 or SF 3100), or data obtained from such documents, that are converted to an electronic or digital form by means of image scanning or other forms of electronic or digital conversion.

(b) Documents that are not converted to an electronic or digital form will continue to be acceptable records for processing by the retirement and insurance processing system.

(c) OPM is required to retain documents after they have been converted to electronic records in accordance with title 44, United States Code.

§ 850.302 Record maintenance.

(a) The retirement and insurance processing system does not affect the responsibilities of an agency with respect to employees or Members of Congress subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, for the initiation and maintenance of records, evidence, or