

CSRS PRESENT VALUE FACTORS APPLICABLE TO ANNUITY PAYABLE FOLLOWING AN ELECTION UNDER SECTION 8339(J) OR (K) OR SECTION 8343A OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OR UNDER SECTION 1043 OF PUBLIC LAW 104-106 OR FOLLOWING A REDEPOSIT UNDER SECTION 8334(D)(2) OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE

| Age | Present value factor |
|-----|----------------------|
| 40 | 289.1 |
| 41 | 285.5 |
| 42 | 282.1 |
| 43 | 278.8 |
| 44 | 275.3 |
| 45 | 271.4 |
| 46 | 267.2 |
| 47 | 262.9 |
| 48 | 258.6 |
| 49 | 253.6 |
| 50 | 248.6 |
| 51 | 244.1 |
| 52 | 239.7 |
| 53 | 234.9 |
| 54 | 229.8 |
| 55 | 224.6 |
| 56 | 219.4 |
| 57 | 214.2 |
| 58 | 209.1 |
| 59 | 203.9 |
| 60 | 198.8 |
| 61 | 193.2 |
| 62 | 187.4 |
| 63 | 181.7 |
| 64 | 176.0 |
| 65 | 170.2 |
| 66 | 164.5 |
| 67 | 159.0 |
| 68 | 153.4 |
| 69 | 147.7 |
| 70 | 142.0 |
| 71 | 136.3 |
| 72 | 130.5 |
| 73 | 124.9 |
| 74 | 119.4 |
| 75 | 113.8 |
| 76 | 108.6 |
| 77 | 103.6 |
| 78 | 98.2 |
| 79 | 92.8 |
| 80 | 87.6 |
| 81 | 82.2 |
| 82 | 76.6 |
| 83 | 71.8 |
| 84 | 67.7 |
| 85 | 63.4 |
| 86 | 58.8 |
| 87 | 54.7 |
| 88 | 51.2 |
| 89 | 47.9 |
| 90 | 43.6 |

CSRS PRESENT VALUE FACTORS APPLICABLE TO ANNUITY PAYABLE FOLLOWING AN ELECTION UNDER SECTION 1043 OF PUBLIC LAW 104-106 (FOR AGES AT CALCULATION BELOW 40)

| Age at calculation | Present value of a monthly annuity |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 17 | 336.3 |
| 18 | 334.7 |
| 19 | 333.0 |
| 20 | 331.3 |
| 21 | 329.5 |
| 22 | 327.7 |
| 23 | 325.8 |
| 24 | 323.9 |
| 25 | 321.9 |
| 26 | 319.8 |
| 27 | 317.6 |
| 28 | 315.5 |
| 29 | 313.3 |
| 30 | 310.9 |
| 31 | 308.5 |
| 32 | 306.1 |
| 33 | 303.5 |
| 34 | 300.8 |
| 35 | 298.1 |
| 36 | 295.4 |
| 37 | 292.5 |
| 38 | 289.5 |
| 39 | 286.4 |

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Factors

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of adjusted present value factors applicable to retirees who elect to provide survivor annuity benefits to a spouse based on post-retirement marriage, and to retiring employees who elect the alternative form of annuity or elect to credit certain service with nonappropriated fund instrumentalities. This notice is necessary to conform the present value factors to changes in economic assumptions and demographic factors adopted by the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement System.

DATES: The revised present value factors apply to survivor reductions or

employee annuities that commence on or after October 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for actuarial assumptions and data to the Office of Actuaries, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, Room 4307, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Johnson, (202) 606-0299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several provisions of the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) require reduction of annuities on an actuarial basis. Under each of these provisions, OPM is required to issue regulations on the method of determining the reduction to ensure that the present value of the reduced annuity plus a lump sum equals, to the extent practicable, the present value of the unreduced benefit. The regulations for each of these benefits provide that OPM will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** whenever it changes the factors used to compute the present values of these benefits.

Section 842.706(a) of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes the method for computing the reduction in the beginning rate of annuity payable to a retiree who elects an alternative form of annuity under 5 U.S.C. 8420a. That reduction is required to produce an annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the annuity of a retiree who does not elect an alternative form of annuity. The present value factors listed below are used to compute the annuity reduction under 5 CFR 842.706(a).

Section 842.615 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes the use of these factors for computing the reduction required for certain elections to provide survivor annuity benefits based on a post-retirement marriage or divorce under 5 U.S.C. 8416(b), 8416(c), or 8417(b). Under section 11004 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 312, effective October 1, 1993, OPM ceased collection of these survivor election deposits by means of either a lump-sum payment or installments. Instead, OPM is required to establish a permanent actuarial reduction in the annuity of the retiree. This means that OPM must take the amount of the deposit computed under the old law and translate it into a lifetime reduction in the retiree's benefit. The reduction is based on actuarial tables, similar to those used for alternative forms of annuity under section 8420a of title 5, United States Code.

Subpart F of part 847 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes the use of similar factors for computing the

deficiency the retiree must pay to receive credit for certain service with nonappropriated fund instrumentalities made creditable by an election under section 1043 of Public Law 104-106, 110 Stat. 186.

OPM published the present value factors currently in effect on August 30, 2004, at 69 FR 52944. Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, OPM published a notice to revise the normal cost percentage under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) Act of 1986, Public Law 99-335, 100 Stat. 514, based on changed economic assumptions and demographic factors adopted by the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement System. Under 5 U.S.C. 8461(i), those changed economic assumptions require corresponding changes in the present value factors used to produce actuarially equivalent benefits when required by the FERS Act. The revised factors will become effective in October 2007 to correspond with the changes in FERS normal cost percentages. For alternative forms of annuity, the new factors will apply to annuities that commence on or after October 1, 2007. See 5 CFR 842.706. For survivor election deposits, the new factors will apply to survivor reductions that commence on or after October 1, 2007. See 5 CFR 842.615(b). For obtaining credit for service with certain nonappropriated fund instrumentalities, the new factors will apply to cases in which the date of computation under 5 CFR 847.603 is on or after October 1, 2007. See 5 CFR 847.602(c) and 847.603.

OPM is, therefore, revising the tables of present value factors to read as follows:

TABLE I.—FERS PRESENT VALUE FACTORS FOR AGES 62 AND OLDER

[Applicable to annuity payable following an election under 5 U.S.C. 8416(b), 8416(c), 8417(b), or 8420a, or under section 1043 of Pub. L. 104-106]

| Age | Present value factor |
|----------|----------------------|
| 62 | 174.9 |
| 63 | 170.0 |
| 64 | 165.0 |
| 65 | 159.9 |
| 66 | 154.9 |
| 67 | 150.0 |
| 68 | 145.0 |
| 69 | 139.9 |
| 70 | 134.8 |
| 71 | 129.7 |
| 72 | 124.4 |
| 73 | 119.3 |
| 74 | 114.3 |
| 75 | 109.2 |
| 76 | 104.3 |

TABLE I.—FERS PRESENT VALUE FACTORS FOR AGES 62 AND OLDER—Continued

[Applicable to annuity payable following an election under 5 U.S.C. 8416(b), 8416(c), 8417(b), or 8420a, or under section 1043 of Pub. L. 104-106]

| Age | Present value factor |
|----------|----------------------|
| 77 | 99.7 |
| 78 | 94.7 |
| 79 | 89.6 |
| 80 | 84.8 |
| 81 | 79.7 |
| 82 | 74.4 |
| 83 | 69.9 |
| 84 | 66.0 |
| 85 | 61.9 |
| 86 | 57.5 |
| 87 | 53.5 |
| 88 | 50.2 |
| 89 | 47.0 |
| 90 | 42.9 |

TABLE II.A.—FERS PRESENT VALUE FACTORS FOR AGES 40 THROUGH 61

[Applicable to annuity payable when annuity is not increased by cost-of-living adjustments before age 62 following an election under 5 U.S.C. 8416(b), 8416(c), 8417(b), or 8420a, or under section 1043 of Pub. L. 104-106]

| Age | Present value factor |
|----------|----------------------|
| 40 | 185.2 |
| 41 | 184.9 |
| 42 | 184.8 |
| 43 | 184.7 |
| 44 | 184.5 |
| 45 | 184.2 |
| 46 | 183.8 |
| 47 | 183.4 |
| 48 | 183.0 |
| 49 | 182.3 |
| 50 | 181.5 |
| 51 | 181.2 |
| 52 | 180.9 |
| 53 | 180.5 |
| 54 | 179.9 |
| 55 | 179.3 |
| 56 | 178.8 |
| 57 | 178.4 |
| 58 | 178.1 |
| 59 | 177.9 |
| 60 | 177.9 |
| 61 | 177.7 |

TABLE II.B.—FERS PRESENT VALUE FACTORS FOR AGES 40 THROUGH 61

[Applicable to annuity payable when annuity is increased by cost-of-living adjustments before age 62 following an election under 5 U.S.C. 8416(b), 8416(c), 8417(b), or 8420a, or under section 1043 of Pub. L. 104-106]

| Age | Present value factor |
|----------|----------------------|
| 40 | 252.8 |
| 41 | 250.4 |
| 42 | 247.8 |
| 43 | 245.1 |
| 44 | 242.3 |
| 45 | 239.5 |
| 46 | 236.5 |
| 47 | 233.4 |
| 48 | 230.2 |
| 49 | 226.9 |
| 50 | 223.4 |
| 51 | 219.8 |
| 52 | 216.1 |
| 53 | 212.2 |
| 54 | 208.2 |
| 55 | 204.1 |
| 56 | 199.8 |
| 57 | 195.4 |
| 58 | 190.9 |
| 59 | 186.3 |
| 60 | 181.6 |
| 61 | 176.8 |

TABLE III.—FERS PRESENT VALUE FACTORS FOR AGES AT CALCULATION BELOW 40

[Applicable to annuity payable following an election under section 1043 of Pub. L. 104-106]

| Age at calculation | Present value of a monthly annuity |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 17 | 291.0 |
| 18 | 290.0 |
| 19 | 288.9 |
| 20 | 287.8 |
| 21 | 286.6 |
| 22 | 285.4 |
| 23 | 284.1 |
| 24 | 282.8 |
| 25 | 281.4 |
| 26 | 280.0 |
| 27 | 278.5 |
| 28 | 277.0 |
| 29 | 275.4 |
| 30 | 273.7 |
| 31 | 272.0 |
| 32 | 270.3 |
| 33 | 268.4 |
| 34 | 266.5 |
| 35 | 264.5 |
| 36 | 262.5 |
| 37 | 260.4 |
| 38 | 258.2 |
| 39 | 255.9 |

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees' Retirement System; Normal Cost Percentages

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of revised normal cost percentages for employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) Act of 1986.

DATES: The revised normal cost percentages are effective at the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after October 1, 2007. Agency appeals of the normal cost percentages must be filed no later than December 7, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver agency appeals of the normal cost percentages and requests for actuarial assumptions and data to the Board of Actuaries, care of Gregory Kissel, Manager, Office of Actuaries, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, Room 4307, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jessica Johnson, (202) 606-0299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FERS Act of 1986, Public Law 99-335, created a new retirement system intended to cover most Federal employees hired after 1983. Most Federal employees hired before 1984 are under the older Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Section 8423 of title 5, United States Code, as added by the FERS Act of 1986, provides for the payment of the Government's share of the cost of the retirement system under FERS. Employees' contributions are established by law and constitute only a small fraction of the cost of funding the retirement system; employing agencies are required to pay the remaining costs. The amount of funding required, known as "normal cost," is the entry age normal cost of the provisions of FERS that relate to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (Fund). The normal cost must be computed by OPM in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practices and standards (using dynamic assumptions). Subpart D of part 841 of title 5, Code of

Federal Regulations, regulates how normal costs are determined.

Recently, the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement System approved a revised set of economic assumptions for use in the dynamic actuarial valuations of FERS. These assumptions were adopted after the Board reviewed statistical data prepared by the OPM actuaries and considered trends that may affect future experience under the System.

Based on its analysis, the Board concluded that it would be appropriate to assume a rate of investment return of 6.25 percent, with no difference from the current rate of 6.25 percent. The Board increased the anticipated inflation rate from 3.25 percent to 3.50 percent, and increased the projected rate of General Schedule salary increases from 4.00 percent to 4.25 percent. These salary increases are in addition to assumed within-grade increases that reflect past experience.

The new assumptions anticipate that, over the long term, the annual rate of investment return will exceed inflation by 2.75 percent and General Schedule salary increases will exceed inflation by .75 percent a year, as compared to 3 percent and .75 percent, respectively, under the previous assumptions. In addition, the Board found changes in all the demographic assumptions listed as factors under § 841.404(a) of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.

The normal cost calculations depend on both the economic and demographic assumptions. The demographic assumptions are determined separately for each of a number of special groups, in cases where separate experience data is available. Based on the new economic assumptions and the change in the demographic assumption, OPM has determined the normal cost percentage for each category of employees under § 841.403 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations. The Governmentwide normal cost percentages, including the employee contributions, are as follows:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Members | 18.6 |
| Congressional employees | 17.1 |
| Law enforcement officers, members of the Supreme Court Police, firefighters, nuclear materials couriers and employees under section 302 of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees | 26.2 |
| Air traffic controllers | 25.8 |
| Military reserve technicians | 14.8 |

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Employees under section 303 of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees (when serving abroad) | 17.0 |
| All other employees | 12.0 |

Under section 841.408 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, these normal cost percentages are effective at the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after October 1, 2007.

The time limit and address for filing agency appeals under sections 841.409 through 841.412 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, are stated in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice.

Office of Personnel Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No.
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Stephens Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

May 29, 2007.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under sections 6(b) and 6(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") granting an exemption from all provisions of the Act, except section 9 and sections 36 through 53, and the rules and regulations under the Act. With respect to sections 17 and 30 of the Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, and rule 38a-1 under the Act, the exemption is limited as set forth in the application.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to exempt certain limited liability companies and other entities ("Companies") formed for the benefit of key employees of Stephens Inc. ("Stephens") and its affiliates from certain provisions of the Act. Each Company will be an "employees' securities company" within the meaning of section 2(a)(13) of the Act.

APPLICANTS: Stephens; Stephens Investment Partners 2001 LLC, Stephens Investment Partners 2001A LLC, Stephens Investment Partners 2001B LLC, Stephens Investment Partners 2001C LLC, Stephens Investment Partners 2003 LLC, Stephens Investment