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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

5 CFR Parts 1600 and 1650

Automatic Enrollment Program

AGENCY: Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (“FRTIB”) is amending its regulations to increase the automatic enrollment percentage from 3 percent to 5 percent of basic pay for all participants who are automatically enrolled in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) on or after October 1, 2020 and for Blended Retirement Service (BRS) participants who are automatically re-enrolled in the TSP on or after January 1, 2021. In addition, the FRTIB is making a non-substantive clarification regarding installment payments calculated based on life expectancy.

DATES: The change to the automatic enrollment percentage is effective October 1, 2020, for participants who are automatically enrolled in the TSP on or after that date, and January 1, 2021, for BRS participants who are automatically re-enrolled in the TSP on or after that date. The clarification regarding installment payments calculated based on life expectancy is effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Austen Townsend, (202) 864–8647.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FRTIB administers the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), which was established by the Federal Employees’ Retirement System Act of 1986 (FERSA), Public Law 99–335, 100 Stat. 514. The TSP provisions of FERSA are codified, as amended, largely at 5 U.S.C. 8351 and 8401–79. The TSP is a tax-deferred retirement savings plan for federal civilian employees and members of the uniformed services. The TSP is similar to cash or deferred arrangements established for private-sector employees

under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 401(k)).

On February 18, 2020, pursuant to its authority under the Thrift Savings Plan Enhancement Act of 2009 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016,¹ the FRTIB published a proposed rule with request for comments in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 8767) to increase the automatic enrollment rate and the automatic re-enrollment rate to 5 percent, effective October 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021, respectively. In addition, the FRTIB proposed to amend its rule regarding installment payments calculated based on life expectancy to clarify that, for each year following the year in which the installment payments begin, the installment payment amount for the year will be calculated on the first installment payment date of that year.

The FRTIB received three comments on the proposed rule. Two comments expressed strong support for the automatic enrollment and re-enrollment rate change noting, in particular, the importance of ensuring that a participant receives the full amount of Agency/Service Matching Contributions he or she is entitled to. The third comment did not address the substance of the regulation. Therefore, the FRTIB is publishing the proposed rule as final without change.

As noted in the preamble to the proposed rule, participants who are automatically enrolled in the TSP as of September 30, 2020 will not be affected by the automatic enrollment rate increase. However, BRS participants who are automatically enrolled in the TSP as of September 30, 2020 and subsequently terminate their TSP contributions will be affected by the automatic re-enrollment rate increase unless they elect to resume TSP contributions by the last full pay period of the year. All participants may elect to change their contribution rates at any

¹ The Thrift Savings Plan Enhancement Act of 2009 authorized the FRTIB to add an automatic enrollment program for all Federal employees eligible to participate in the TSP. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 extended the automatic enrollment program, with an additional automatic re-enrollment feature, to certain members of the uniformed services. Under the automatic enrollment program, the Executive Director has the statutory authority to select a default contribution rate for automatically enrolled participants that is no less than 2 percent and no more than 5 percent of basic pay.

time by contacting their respective agencies.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This regulation will affect Federal employees, members of the uniformed services who participate in the TSP, and beneficiary participants.

Paperwork Reduction Act

I certify that these regulations do not require additional reporting under the criteria of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

Pursuant to the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 602, 632, 653, and 1501–1571, the effects of this regulation on state, local, and tribal governments and the private sector have been assessed. This regulation will not compel the expenditure in any one year of \$100 million or more by state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector. Therefore, a statement under 2 U.S.C. 1532 is not required.

Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 810(a)(1)(A), the Agency submitted a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States before publication of this rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a major rule as defined at 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects

5 CFR part 1600

Government employees, Pensions, Retirement.

5 CFR part 1650

Alimony, Claims, Government employees, Pensions, Retirement.

Ravindra Deo,

Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the FRTIB amends 5 CFR Chapter VI as follows:

PART 1600—EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION ELECTIONS, CONTRIBUTION ALLOCATIONS, AND AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

■ 1. The authority citation continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 8351, 8432(a), 8432(b), 8432(c), 8432(j), 8432d, 8474(b)(5) and (c)(1), and 8440e.

§ 1600.34 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 1600.34, amend paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) by removing the term “3%” and adding the term “5%” in its place.

§ 1600.37 [Amended]

■ 3. In § 1600.37, amend paragraph (a) by removing the term “3 percent” and adding the term “5 percent” in its place.

PART 1650—METHODS OF WITHDRAWING FUNDS FROM THE THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

■ 4. The authority citation continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 8351, 8432d, 8433, 8434, 8435, 8474(b)(5) and 8474(c)(1).

■ 5. Amend § 1650.13 by revising paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

§ 1650.13 Installment payments.

(a) * * *

(2) *An installment payment amount calculated based on life expectancy.* Payments based on life expectancy are determined using the factors set forth in the Internal Revenue Service life expectancy tables codified at 26 CFR 1.401(a)(9)–9, Q&A 1 and 2. The installment payment amount is calculated by dividing the account balance by the factor from the IRS life expectancy tables based upon the participant's age as of his or her birthday in the year payments are to begin. This amount is then divided by the number of installment payments to be made per calendar year to yield the installment payment amount. In subsequent years, the installment payment amount is recalculated on the first installment payment date of the year by dividing the prior December 31 account balance by the factor in the IRS life expectancy tables based upon the participant's age as of his or her birthday in the year payments will be made. There is no minimum amount for an installment payment calculated based on this method.

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12 CFR Part 701

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Chartering and Field of Membership

Correction

In rule document 2020–16988 appearing on pages 56498–56514 in the issue of September 14, 2020, make the following correction:

On page 56498, in the third column, in the **DATES** section, in the second line “September 14, 2020” should read “October 14, 2020”.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2020–0494; Project Identifier AD–2020–00324–E; Amendment 39–21235; AD 2020–18–14]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all General Electric Company (GE) GE90–110B1 and GE90–115B model turbofan engines with a certain high-pressure turbine (HPT) rotor stage 2 disk installed. This AD was prompted by a report from the manufacturer that a subsurface anomaly was found on a HPT rotor stage 2 disk. This AD requires an ultrasonic inspection (USI) of the HPT rotor stage 2 disk and, depending on the result of the inspection, replacement of the HPT rotor stage 2 disk with a part eligible for installation. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective October 21, 2020.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of October 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: For service information identified in this final rule, contact General Electric Company, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; phone: 513–552–3272; email: aviation.fleetsupport@ae.ge.com. You

may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7759. It is also available on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2020–0494.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2020–0494; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Elwin, Aerospace Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781–238–7236; fax: 781–238–7199; email: stephen.l.elwin@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all GE GE90–110B1 and GE90–115B model turbofan engines with a certain HPT rotor stage 2 disk installed. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 2020 (85 FR 29676). The NPRM was prompted by a report from the manufacturer that a subsurface anomaly was found on a HPT rotor stage 2 disk. The NPRM proposed to require a USI of the HPT rotor stage 2 disk and, depending on the result of the inspection, replacement of the HPT rotor stage 2 disk with a part eligible for installation. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

Comments

The FAA gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this final rule. The FAA has considered the comments received. The Boeing Company, FedEx Express, United Airlines, and the Air Line Pilots Association, International, supported the NPRM.

Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and