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National Credit Union Administration

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**TO:** NCUA Board

**DATE:** June 8, 2023

**FROM:** Office of the Chief Financial  
Officer

**SUBJ:** Operating Fee Schedule  
Methodology: Request for Comment

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Board approval to publish in the Federal Register the attached Notice and Request for Comment with a 60-day comment period on the existing Operating Fee Schedule methodology.

**DATE ACTION REQUESTED:** June 22, 2023

**OTHER OFFICES CONSULTED:** Office of General Counsel

**VIEWS OF OTHER OFFICES CONSULTED:** Concur.

**BUDGET IMPACT, IF ANY:** None.

**SUBMITTED TO INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR REVIEW:** Yes.

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF MEMBERS:** Office of the Chief Financial Officer: Melissa Lowden, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Trey Damron, Accountant.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Chief Financial Officer is requesting the NCUA Board approve the issuance of a notice and request for comment about adjustments to the methodology it uses to determine how it apportions operating fees charged to federal credit unions. The Board uses operating fees to fund part of the NCUA's annual budget.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2020, the NCUA published a request for comment on its methodology for determining its Operating Fee Schedule in the Federal Register. Based on comments from the public, the Board revised its treatment of capital project budgets and miscellaneous revenues when calculating operating fees. The Board also made other conforming changes to how it calculates annual inflationary adjustments to operating fee rate tier thresholds for consistency with the regulation governing assessment of the annual operating fee. Since then, the Chief Financial Officer has applied the published operating fee methodology and explained its application in the NCUA's annual budget documents.

In the notice and request for comment, the Board increases the threshold below which federal credit unions are exempt from paying an operating fee from \$1 million to \$2 million and would make annual inflationary adjustments to the threshold in the future. The request for comment also seeks views about whether, and if so, how the Board should modify the current three-tier Operating Fee Schedule.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Board approval to publish in the Federal Register a Notice and Request for Comment with a 60-day comment period on revisions to the NCUA Operating Fee Schedule methodology.

**ATTACHMENT:** Request for Comment on NCUA's Operating Fee Schedule Methodology.