

 <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHARGE AGAINST AN AGENCY</p>		FOR FLRA USE ONLY	
		Case No.	
		Date Filed	
Complete instructions are on the back of this form.			
1. Charged Activity or Agency Name: National Weather Service, NOAA, Dept of Commerce 1325 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 Address: Tel.#: 301-713-1400 Ext. 152 Fax#:		2. Charging Party (Labor Organization or Individual) Name: National Weather Service Employees Organization 601 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 900 Address: Washington DC 20004 Tel.#: 202-907-3036 Ext. Fax#:	
3. Charged Activity or Agency Contact Information Name: Elise Steinberg Title: attorney ELLD-OGC Address: 1315 East West Hy, Room 5124, Silver Spring MD 20910 Tel.#: 301-713-2527 Ext. 108 Fax#: 301-713-2529		4. Charging Party Contact Information Name: Richard J. Hirn Title: General Counsel Address: 5335 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 440, Wash DC 20015 Tel.#: 202-274-1812 Ext. Fax#: 202-686-2877	
5. Which subsection(s) of 5 U.S.C. 7116(a) do you believe have been violated? [See reverse] (1) and <u>5</u>			
6. Tell exactly WHAT the activity (or agency) did. Start with the DATE and LOCATION, state WHO was involved, including titles. The National Weather Service has unilaterally changed conditions of employment by reducing funding for permanent change of station moves in Fiscal Year 2012 without providing the National Weather Service Employees Organization with prior notice or an opportunity to bargain. This reduction has resulted in the NWS failing to authorize relocation expenses for unit employees selected for numerous positions within the agency; postponing the relocation and promotion of employees selected for new positions at other offices, and the placement of a hold on filling positions in Southern Region offices, thereby depriving employees of opportunities for promotion and increasing the workload on unit employees at those offices where there are vacancies.			
7. Have you or anyone else raised this matter in any other procedure? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, where? [see reverse] _____			
8. I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THIS CHARGE AND THAT THE STATEMENTS IN IT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND THAT MAKING WILLFULLY FALSE STATEMENTS CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT, 18 U.S.C. 1001. THIS CHARGE WAS SERVED ON THE PERSON IDENTIFIED IN BOX #3 BY [check "x" box] <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1st Class Mail <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail Richard J. Hirn _____ March 14, 2012 Type or Print Your Name Your Signature Date			

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM 22:

General

Use this form if you are charging that a federal activity or agency committed an unfair labor practice under paragraph (a) of section 7116 of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute. File an original form with the appropriate Regional Director, Federal Labor Relations Authority. If you do not know that address, contact the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Labor Relations Authority, (202)482-6600. If filing the charge by fax, you need only file a fax-transmitted copy of the charge (with required signature) with the Region. You assume responsibility for receipt of a charge. A charge is a self-contained document without a need to refer to supporting evidence and documents that are also submitted to the Regional Director along with the charge. If filing a charge by fax, do **not** submit supporting evidence and documents by fax. See 5 CFR Part 2423 for an explanation of unfair labor practice proceedings and, in particular, §§ 2423.4 and 2423.6, which concern the contents, filing, and service of the charge and supporting evidence and documents.

Instructions for filling out each numbered box

#1. Give the full name of the activity (or agency) you are charging and the mailing address, telephone #, and fax # (if available). Include the street number, city, state, zip code. If you are charging more than one activity/agency with the same act, attach the required information on a separate sheet.

#2. Give the full name of the union or individual filing the charge and the mailing address, telephone #, and fax # (if available). If the union is affiliated with a national organization, give both the national affiliation and local designation.

#3. and #4. This information is essential to the investigation of your charge as it tells us who is representing the parties. Be as specific and as accurate as possible. It will assist the investigation if you include your home as well as work telephone number in the space provided.

#5. Identify which one or more of the following subsections of 5 U.S.C. 7116(a) has or have allegedly been violated. Subsection (1) has already been selected for you because a violation of (2) through (8) is an automatic violation of (1). List all sections allegedly violated:

7116. Unfair labor practices

(a) For the purpose of this chapter, it shall be an unfair labor practice for an agency--

- (1) to interfere with, restrain, or coerce any employee in the exercise by the employee of any right under this chapter;
- (2) to encourage or discourage membership in any labor organization by discrimination in connection with hiring, tenure, promotion, or other conditions of employment;
- (3) to sponsor, control, or otherwise assist any labor organization, other than to furnish, upon request, customary and routine services and facilities if the services and facilities are also furnished on an impartial basis to other labor organizations having equivalent status;
- (4) to discipline or otherwise discriminate against an employee because the employee has filed a complaint, affidavit, or petition, or has given any information or testimony under this chapter;
- (5) to refuse to consult or negotiate in good faith with a labor organization as required by this chapter;
- (6) to fail or refuse to cooperate in impasse procedures and impasse decisions as required by this chapter;
- (7) to enforce any rule or regulation (other than a rule or regulation implementing section 2302 of this title) which is in conflict with any applicable collective bargaining agreement if the agreement was in effect before the date the rule or regulation was prescribed; or
- (8) to otherwise fail or refuse to comply with any provision of this chapter.

#6. It is important that the basis for the charge be BRIEF, COMPLETE, and FACTUAL, rather than opinion.

- Give dates and times of significant events as accurately as possible.
- Give specific locations when important, e.g., "The meeting was held in the auditorium of Building 36."
- Identify who was involved by title, e.g., "Chief Steward Pat Jones" or "Lou Smith, the File Room Supervisor."
- Tell what happened, in chronological order.

#7. Indicate whether you or anyone else that you know of has raised this same matter in another forum:

- a. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
- b. FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE
- c. FEDERAL SERVICE IMPASSES PANEL
- d. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
- e. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD
- f. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL
- g. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING
- h. NEGOTIABILITY APPEAL TO FLRA

#8. Type or print your name. Then sign and date the charge attesting to the truth of the charge and that you have served the charged party (individual named in box #3). Indicate method of service by placing an "x" in one of the boxes provided.