RE: Reporting of PBGC Premium Payment on Form 5500, Schedule H

Dear Mr. Moore:

This is in response to your letter dated October 14, 2011, regarding the instructions on the Schedule H (Form 5500 Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plans) for reporting of premium payments made to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) from plan assets.

Specifically, the 2009 and 2010 instructions for Schedule H provided that filers should report information on premium payments from plan assets on Line 21 as an asset transfer. Prior to 2009, such information was reported on Line 2i(4) under “Other Expenses.” You indicate that it is your understanding that for plan years 2009 and 2010, some filers have been reporting the amount on line 2i(4) as was permitted for 2008 and earlier and some on line 21. For the 2009 and 2010 plan years, you therefore recommend that filers be permitted to report premium payments made to the PBGC from plan assets on either Line 2i(4) or Line 21 of the Schedule H.

For the 2009 and 2010 plan years, filers may report information on premium payments from plan assets on either Line 2i(4) or Line 21 of the Schedule H. The 2011 instructions for Schedule H will require reporting of information on premium payments from plan assets on Line 2i(4).

I hope this letter, which was prepared in coordination with the Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service, is helpful. PBGC will post this response on its website. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 326-4223 ext. 3865.

Sincerely,

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