processors of low-level waste intended for disposal at a low-level waste facility must complete the appropriate forms.

5. The number of annual respondents:

NRC Form 540: 2,500 licensees
NRC Form 541: 2,500 licensees
NRC Form 542: 22 licensees

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:

NRC Form 540: 2.238 (0.167 hours per response)
NRC Form 541: 19.779 (1.48 hours per response)
NRC Form 542: 126 (0.167 hours per response)

7. Abstract: NRC Forms 540, 541, and 542, together with their continuation pages, designated by the “A” suffix, provide a set of standardized forms to meet Department of Transportation (DOT), NRC, and State requirements. The forms were developed by NRC at the request of low-level waste industry groups. The forms provide uniformity and efficiency in the collection of information contained in manifests which are required to control transfers of low-level radioactive waste intended for disposal at a land disposal facility. NRC Form 540 contains information needed to satisfy DOT shipping paper requirements in 49 CFR Part 172 and the waste tracking requirements of NRC in 10 CFR Part 20. NRC Form 541 contains information needed by disposal site facilities to safely dispose of low-level waste and information to meet NRC and State requirements regulating these activities. NRC Form 542, completed by waste collections or processors, contains information which facilitates tracking the identity of the waste generator. That tracking becomes more complicated when the waste forms, dimensions, or packaging are changed by the waste processor. Each container of waste shipped from a waste processor may contain waste from several different generators. The information provided on NRC Form 542 permits the States and Compacts to know the original generators of low-level waste, as authorized by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985, so they can ensure that waste is disposed of in the appropriate Compact.

Submit, by February 13, 2000, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site: (http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T–6 E 6, Washington, DC 20555–0001, by telephone at (301) 415–7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJSI@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of December, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo Shelton,
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Gothbaum,
Executive Associate Director and Controller.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Preparing and Auditing Direct Loan and Loan Guarantee Subsidies Under the Federal Credit Reform Act

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.


ADDRESSES: Copies of Technical Release No. 4 may be obtained free of charge from the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, 441 G Street, NW, Mailstop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548 (telephone 202–512–7350).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Gothbaum,
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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These
rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or are derivable from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC’s web site (http://www.pbgc.gov).

DATES: The interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in December 2000. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in January 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, 202–326–4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-Rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(ii)(I) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC’s regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate in determining a single-employer plan’s variable-rate premium. The rate is the “applicable percentage” (currently 85 percent) of the annual yield on Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the “premium payment year”). The yield figure is reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Releases G.13 and H.15.

The assumed interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in December 2000 is 4.91 percent (i.e., 85 percent of the 5.78 percent yield figure for November 2000). The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between January 2000 and December 2000.

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Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

The PBGC’s regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC’s regulation on Allocation of Assets in Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in January 2001 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today’s Federal Register. Tables showing the assumptions applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this day of December 2000.

David M. Strauss,
Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Ramco Energy plc, American Depositary Shares (Representing Ordinary Shares, Nominal Value 10p Per Share) File No. 1–14582)


Ramco Energy plc, a company organized under the laws of Scotland ("Company"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") 1 and Rule 12d2–2(d) thereunder, 2 to withdraw its American Depositary Shares (representing Ordinary Shares, nominal value 10p per share) ("Security"), from listing and registration on the American Stock Exchange ("Amex").

While the Company’s Security is listed and registered in the United States on the Amex, the Company’s related Ordinary Shares are listed in England on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange.

The Company has stated that the trading volume for its Security on the Amex is very limited. In order to avoid the direct and indirect costs of maintaining the Amex listing, therefore, the Company’s board of directors unanimously approved a resolution on November 21, 2000, authorizing the Security’s withdrawal from listing and registration on the Amex.

The Company has stated in its application that it has complied with the rules of the Amex governing the voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration. In addition, the Company has stated that its application relates solely to the listing and registration of its Security on the Amex and shall have no effect on the continued listing of its related Ordinary Shares on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange.

Any interested person may, on or before January 3, 2001, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549–0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Amex and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors.

The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Resource Bankshares Corporation, Common Stock, $1.50 Par Value) File No. 1–14319


Resource Bankshares Corporation, a Virginia corporation ("Company"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of

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