

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121) (SBREFA) provides generally for congressional review of agency rules. A reporting requirement is triggered in instances where NCRA issues a final rule as defined by Section 551 of the APA. 5 U.S.C. 551. The Office of Management and Budget is currently reviewing this rule as it pertains to SBREFA.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 711

Antitrust, Banks, Banking, Credit unions.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on October 9, 2007.

Mary Rupp.
Secretary of the Board.

For the reasons discussed above, NCRA is amending part 711 as follows:

PART 711—MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL INTERLOCKS

1. The authority citation for part 711 continues to read as follows:


2. Section 711.3(b) is amended by removing the number “20” and adding number “50” in its place.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044


AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.


DATES: Effective November 1, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine B. Klion, Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202–326–4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PBGC’s regulations prescribe actuarial assumptions—including interest assumptions—for valuing and paying plan benefits of terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The interest assumptions are intended to reflect current conditions in the financial and annuity markets.

Three sets of interest assumptions are prescribed: (1) A set for the valuation of benefits for allocation purposes under section 4044 (found in Appendix B to part 4044), (2) a set for the PBGC to use to determine whether a benefit is payable as a lump sum and to determine lump-sum amounts to be paid by the PBGC (found in Appendix B to part 4022), and (3) a set for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using the PBGC’s historical methodology (found in Appendix C to part 4022).

This amendment (1) adds to Appendix B to part 4044 the interest assumptions for valuing benefits for allocation purposes in plans with valuation dates during November 2007, (2) adds to Appendix B to part 4022 the interest assumptions for the PBGC to use for its own lump-sum payments in plans with valuation dates during November 2007, and (3) adds to Appendix C to part 4022 the interest assumptions for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using the PBGC’s historical methodology for valuation dates during November 2007.

For valuation of benefits for allocation purposes, the interest assumptions that the PBGC will use (set forth in Appendix B to part 4044) will be 5.46 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 5.13 percent thereafter. These interest assumptions represent a decrease (from those in effect for October 2007) of 0.05 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 0.05 percent for all years thereafter.

The interest assumptions that the PBGC will use for its own lump-sum payments (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022) will be 3.25 percent for the period during which a benefit is in pay status and 4.00 percent during any years preceding the benefit’s placement in pay status. These interest assumptions represent no change from those in effect for October 2007. For private-sector payments, the interest assumptions (set forth in Appendix C to part 4022) will be the same as those used by the PBGC for determining and paying lump sums (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022).

The PBGC has determined that notice and public comment on this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This finding is based on the need to determine and issue new interest assumptions promptly so that the assumptions can reflect current market conditions as accurately as possible.

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the valuation and payment of benefits in plans with valuation dates during November 2007, the PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

The PBGC has determined that this action is not a “significant regulatory action” under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects

29 CFR Part 4022

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

29 CFR Part 4044

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR parts 4022 and 4044 are amended as follows:
PART 4022—BENEFITS PAYABLE IN TERMINATED SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

The authority citation for part 4022 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1302, 1322, 1322b, 1341(c)(3)(D), and 1344.

In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 169, as set forth below, is added to the table.

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PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

In appendix B to part 4044, a new entry for November 2007, as set forth below, is added to the table.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on this 10th day of October 2007.

Vincent K. Snowbarger, Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08–07–025] Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Charenton Drainage and Navigation Canal, Baldwin, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the BNSF Railway Company Swing Bridge across the Charenton Drainage and Navigational Canal, mile 0.4, at Baldwin, St. Mary Parish, LA. This deviation provides for the bridge to remain closed to navigation for 5 days with three hour openings each day to conduct maintenance repairs to the drawbridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on October 22, 2007 through 8 p.m. on October 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Hale Boggs Federal Building, Room 1313, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130–3310 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 671–2128. The Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bart Marcules, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 671–2128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BNSF Railway Company has requested a temporary deviation in order to replace a bent shaft, bearings, and housing that are integral to the safe operation of the swing bridge across the Charenton Drainage and Navigational Canal, mile 0.4, at Baldwin, St. Mary Parish, LA. This bridge opens on signal...