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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of January, 2007.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian W. Sheron,
Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium for Premium Payment Years Beginning in January 2007

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rate assumption.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rate assumption to be used for determining the variable-rate premium under the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s regulation on premium rates, for premium payment years beginning in January 2007. This notice revises a previously-published notice to reflect the recent publication by the Internal Revenue Service of updated mortality tables. This interest rate assumption can be derived from rates published elsewhere, but is 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 required interest rate assumption for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in January 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine B. Klon, 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: Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) 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 (the “required interest rate”) in determining a single-employer plan’s variable-rate premium.

On February 2, 2007 (at 72 FR 4955), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published final regulations containing updated mortality tables for determining current liability under section 412(l)(7)
of the Code and section 302(d)(7) of ERISA for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. As a result, in accordance with section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of ERISA, the required interest rate for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, is 100 percent of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (premium payment year).

On January 12, 2007 (at 72 FR 1564), the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) published a notice informing the public of the interest rate assumption to be used for determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in January 2007. In light of IRS’s publication of the updated mortality tables, that required interest rate assumption has changed.

The required interest rate to be used for determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in January 2007 is 5.75 percent (i.e., 100 percent of the 5.75 percent composite corporate bond rate for December 2006). PBGC will post the revised required interest rate on its Web site (http://www.pbgc.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 5th day of February 2007,

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.


Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Rule 10b–10; Confirmation of Transactions. Rule 10b–10 (17 CFR 240.10b–10) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) requires broker-dealers to convey basic trade information to customers regarding their securities transactions. This information includes: the date and time of the transaction, the identity and number of shares bought or sold, and the trading capacity of the broker-dealer. Depending on the trading capacity of the broker-dealer, the Rule requires the disclosure of commissions as well as mark-up and mark-down information. For transactions in debt securities, the Rule requires the disclosure of redemption and yield information. The Rule potentially applies to all of the approximately 6,014 firms registered with the Commission that affect transactions on behalf of customers.

The confirmations required by Rule 10b–10 are generally processed through automated systems. It takes approximately 1 minute to generate and send a confirmation. It is estimated that broker-dealers spend 77.4 million hours per year complying with Rule 10b–10.

The Commission staff estimates the costs of producing and sending a paper confirmation, including postage, to be approximately 91 cents. The Commission staff also estimates that the cost of producing and sending a wholly electronic confirmation is approximately 52 cents. The amount of confirmations sent and the cost of sending each confirmation varies from firm to firm. Smaller firms generally send fewer confirmations than larger firms because they affect fewer transactions.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 60 days of this notice.


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