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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulations prescribe actuarial valuation methods and assumptions (including interest rate assumptions) to be used in determining the actuarial present value of benefits under single-employer plans that terminate (29 CFR part 4044) and under multiemployer plans that undergo a mass withdrawal of contributing employers (29 CFR part 4281). Each month the PBGC publishes the interest rates to be used under those regulations for plans terminating or undergoing mass withdrawal during the next month.

The interest rates are intended to reflect current conditions in the investment and annuity markets. To determine these interest rates, the PBGC gathers pricing data from insurance companies that are providing annuity contracts to terminating pension plans through a quarterly "Survey of Nonparticipating Single Premium Group Annuity Rates." The survey is distributed by the American Council of Life Insurers and provides the PBGC with "blind" data (i.e., is conducted in such a way that the PBGC is unable to match responses with the companies that submitted them). The information from the survey is also used by the PBGC in determining the interest rates it uses to value benefits payable to participants and beneficiaries in PBGC-trusted plans for purposes of the PBGC's financial statements.

The survey is directed at insurance companies that have volunteered to participate, most or all of which are members of the American Council of Life Insurers. The survey is conducted quarterly and will be sent to approximately 22 insurance companies. Based on experience under the current approval, the PBGC estimates that 11 insurance companies will complete and return the survey. The PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is 41 hours and \$88.

The collection of information has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0030 through January 31, 2003. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 19th day of December, 2002.

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 1 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2003; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

STATUS: January 6—1 p.m. (Closed); January 7—8:30 a.m. (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, January 6—1 p.m. (Closed)

1. Financial Performance
2. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision in Docket No. MC2002-3, Experimental Periodicals Co-Palletization Dropship Discounts
3. Strategic Planning
4. Rate Case Planning
5. Personal Matters and Compensation Issues

Tuesday, January 7—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, December 9-10, 2002
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO
3. Consideration of Board Resolution on Capital Funding
4. Annual Report on Government in the Sunshine Act Compliance
5. Fiscal Year 2002 Comprehensive Statement on Postal Operations
6. Quarterly Report on Financial Performance
7. Quarterly Report on Service Performance
8. Corporate Flats Strategy
9. Capital Investment
 - a. Northern New Jersey Metro Processing & Distribution Center Modification Request for Additional Funding
10. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors
11. Tentative Agenda for the February 3-4, 2003, meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada

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Certifying Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Actuarial Advisory Committee With Respect to the Railroad Retirement Account; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Public Law 92-463 that the Actuarial Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on January 17, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the office of the Chief Actuary of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the conduct of the 22nd Actuarial Valuation of the Railroad Retirement System. The agenda for this meeting will include a discussion of the assumptions to be used in the 22nd Actuarial Valuation. A report containing recommended assumptions and the experience on which the recommendations are based will have been sent by the Chief Actuary to the committee before the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons wishing to submit written statements or make oral presentations should address their communications or notices to the RRB Actuarial Advisory Committee, c/o Chief Actuary, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

Dated: December 19, 2002.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27624]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended (Act)

December 19, 2002.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed