

premium payment years beginning in February 2006 is 3.90 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 4.59 percent Treasury Securities Rate for January 2006).

The Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 ("PFEA")—under which the required interest rate is 85 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—applies only for premium payment years beginning in 2004 or 2005. Congress is considering legislation that would extend the PFEA rate for one more year. If legislation that changes the rules for determining the required interest rate for plan years beginning in February 2006 is adopted, the PBGC will promptly publish a **Federal Register** notice with the new rate.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between March 2005 and February 2006.

| For premium payment years beginning in: | The required interest rate is: |
|---|--------------------------------|
| March 2005 | 4.56 |
| April 2005 | 4.78 |
| May 2005 | 4.72 |
| June 2005 | 4.60 |
| July 2005 | 4.47 |
| August 2005 | 4.56 |
| September 2005 | 4.61 |
| October 2005 | 4.62 |
| November 2005 | 4.83 |
| December 2005 | 4.91 |
| January 2006 | 3.95 |
| February 2006 | 3.90 |

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 Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in March 2006 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 8th day of February 2006.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Form 12b-25; SEC File No. 270-71; OMB Control No. 3235-0058

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget the request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The purpose of Form 12b-25 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is to provide notice to the Commission and the marketplace that a public company will be unable to timely file a required periodic report. If all filing conditions are met, the company is granted an automatic filing extension. The information required is filed on occasion and is mandatory. All information is provided to the public for review. Publicly held companies file Form 12b-25. Approximately 7,799 issuers file Form 12b-25 and it takes approximately 2.5 hours per response for a total of 19,498 burden hours.

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Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; or an e-mail to David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must

be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: February 6, 2006

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Extension:

Rule 24b-1; SEC File No. 270-205; OMB Control No. 3235-0194.

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 24b-1 (17 CFR 240.24b-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires a national securities exchange to keep and make available for public inspection a copy of its registration statement and exhibits filed with the Commission, along with any amendments thereto.

There are eight national securities exchanges that spend approximately one half hour each complying with this rule, for an aggregate total compliance burden of four hours per year. The staff estimates that the average cost per respondent is \$57.68 per year, calculated as the costs of copying (\$12.36) plus storage (\$45.32), resulting in a total cost of compliance for the respondents of \$461.44.

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