

(a) *Response required.* A response is required from persons subject to the reporting requirements of the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—2009, contained herein, whether or not they are contacted by BEA. Also, a person, or their agent, that is contacted by BEA about reporting in this survey, either by sending them a report form or by written inquiry, must respond in writing pursuant to § 806.4. This may be accomplished by:

(1) Certifying in writing, by the due date of the survey, to the fact that the person had no direct investment within the purview of the reporting requirements of the BE-10 survey;

(2) Completing and returning the “BE-10 Claim for Not Filing” by the due date of the survey; or

(3) Filing the properly completed BE-10 report (comprising Form BE-10A and Form(s) BE-10B, BE-10C, and/or BE-10D) by May 28, 2010, or June 30, 2010, as required.

(b) *Who must report.* (1) A BE-10 report is required of any U.S. person that had a foreign affiliate—that is, that had direct or indirect ownership or control of at least 10 percent of the voting stock of an incorporated foreign business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated foreign business enterprise, including a branch—at any time during the U.S. person’s 2009 fiscal year.

(2) If the U.S. person had no foreign affiliates during its 2009 fiscal year, a “BE-10 Claim for Not Filing” must be filed by the due date of the survey; no other forms in the survey are required. If the U.S. person had any foreign affiliates during its 2009 fiscal year, a BE-10 report is required and the U.S. person is a U.S. Reporter in this survey.

(3) Reports are required even if the foreign business enterprise was established, acquired, seized, liquidated, sold, expropriated, or inactivated during the U.S. person’s 2009 fiscal year.

(4) The amount and type of data required to be reported vary according to the size of the U.S. Reporters or foreign affiliates, and, for foreign affiliates, whether they are majority-owned or minority-owned by U.S. direct investors. For purposes of the BE-10 survey, a “majority-owned” foreign affiliate is one in which the combined direct and indirect ownership interest of all U.S. parents of the foreign affiliate exceeds 50 percent; all other affiliates are referred to as “minority-owned” affiliates.

(c) *Forms to be filed.*—(1) Form BE-10A must be completed by a U.S. Reporter. If the U.S. Reporter is a

corporation, Form BE-10A is required to cover the fully consolidated U.S. domestic business enterprise.

(i) If for a U.S. Reporter any one of the following three items—total assets, sales or gross operating revenues excluding sales taxes, or net income after provision for U.S. income taxes—was greater than \$300 million (positive or negative) at any time during the Reporter’s 2009 fiscal year, the U.S. Reporter must file a complete Form BE-10A. It must also file Form(s) BE-10B, C, and/or D, as appropriate, for its foreign affiliates.

(ii) If for a U.S. Reporter none of the three items listed in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section was greater than \$300 million (positive or negative) at any time during the Reporter’s 2009 fiscal year, the U.S. Reporter is required to file on Form BE-10A only certain items as designated on the form. It must also file Form(s) BE-10B, C, and/or D for its foreign affiliates.

(2) Form BE-10B must be filed for each majority-owned foreign affiliate, whether held directly or indirectly, for which any of the following three items—total assets, sales or gross operating revenues excluding sales taxes, or net income after provision for foreign income taxes—was greater than \$80 million (positive or negative) at any time during the affiliate’s 2009 fiscal year. Additional items must be filed for affiliates with assets, sales, or net income greater than \$300 million (positive or negative).

(3) Form BE-10C must be reported:

(i) For each majority-owned foreign affiliate, whether held directly or indirectly, for which any one of the three items listed in paragraph (c)(2) of this section was greater than \$25 million but for which none of these items was greater than \$80 million (positive or negative), at any time during the affiliate’s 2009 fiscal year, and

(ii) For each minority-owned foreign affiliate, whether held directly or indirectly, for which any one of the three items listed in (c)(2) of this section was greater than \$25 million (positive or negative), at any time during the affiliate’s 2009 fiscal year.

(4) Form BE-10D must be filed for majority- or minority-owned foreign affiliates, whether held directly or indirectly, for which none of the three items listed in paragraph (c)(2) of this section was greater than \$25 million (positive or negative) at any time during the affiliate’s 2009 fiscal year. Form BE-10D is a schedule; a U.S. Reporter would submit one or more pages of the form depending on the number of affiliates that are required to be filed on this form.

(d) *Due date.* A fully completed and certified BE-10 report comprising Form BE-10A and Form(s) BE-10B, C, and/or D (as required) is due to be filed with BEA not later than May 28, 2010 for those U.S. Reporters filing fewer than 50, and June 30, 2010 for those U.S. Reporters filing 50 or more, foreign affiliate Forms BE-10B, C, and/or D. If the U.S. person had no foreign affiliates during its 2009 fiscal year, it must file a BE-10 Claim for Not Filing by May 28, 2010.

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### 29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044

#### Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s regulations on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans and Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans prescribe interest assumptions for valuing and paying certain benefits under terminating single-employer plans. This final rule amends the asset allocation regulation to adopt interest assumptions for plans with valuation dates in the first quarter of 2010 and amends the benefit payments regulation to adopt interest assumptions for plans with valuation dates in January 2010. Interest assumptions are also published on PBGC’s Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

**DATES:** Effective January 1, 2010.

**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:** 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.

These interest assumptions are found in two PBGC regulations: The regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR Part 4044) and the regulation on Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR Part 4022). Assumptions under the asset allocation regulation are updated quarterly; assumptions under the benefit payments regulation are updated monthly. This final rule updates the assumptions under the asset allocation regulation for the first quarter (January through March) of 2010 and updates the assumptions under the benefit payments regulation for January 2010.

The interest assumptions prescribed under the asset allocation regulation (found in Appendix B to Part 4044) are used for the valuation of benefits for allocation purposes under ERISA section 4044. Two sets of interest assumptions are prescribed under the benefit payments regulation: (1) A set for PBGC to use to determine whether a benefit is payable as a lump sum and to determine lump-sum amounts to be paid by PBGC (found in Appendix B to Part 4022), and (2) a set for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using 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 the first quarter (January through March) of 2010, (2) adds to Appendix B to Part 4022 the interest assumptions for PBGC to use for its own lump-sum payments in plans with valuation dates during January

2010, 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 PBGC's historical methodology for valuation dates during January 2010.

The interest assumptions that PBGC will use for valuing benefits for allocation purposes (set forth in Appendix B to part 4044) will be 4.89 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 4.63 percent thereafter. In comparison with the interest assumptions in effect for the fourth quarter of 2009, these interest assumptions represent a decrease of 0.41 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and a decrease of 0.38 percent for all years thereafter.

The interest assumptions that PBGC will use for its own lump-sum payments (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022) will be 2.50 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. In comparison with the interest assumptions in effect for December 2009, these interest assumptions are unchanged. For private-sector payments, the interest assumptions (set forth in Appendix C to part 4022) will be the same as those used by PBGC for determining and paying lump sums (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022).

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 January 2010, PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

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

■ 1. 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.

■ 2. In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 195, as set forth below, is added to the table.

##### Appendix B to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for PBGC Payments

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Rate set	For plans with a valuation date		Immediate annuity rate (percent)	Deferred annuities (percent)				
	On or after	Before		i <sub>1</sub>	i <sub>2</sub>	i <sub>3</sub>	n <sub>1</sub>	n <sub>2</sub>
* 195	* 1–1–10	* 2–1–10	* 2.50	* 4.00	* 4.00	* 4.00	* 7	* 8

■ 3. In appendix C to part 4022, Rate Set 195, as set forth below, is added to the table.

##### Appendix C to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for Private-Sector Payments

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Rate set	For plans with a valuation date		Immediate annuity rate (percent)	Deferred annuities (percent)				
	On or after	Before		i <sub>1</sub>	i <sub>2</sub>	i <sub>3</sub>	n <sub>1</sub>	n <sub>2</sub>

Rate set	For plans with a valuation date		Immediate annuity rate (percent)	Deferred annuities (percent)				
	On or after	Before		$i_1$	$i_2$	$i_3$	$n_1$	$n_2$
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
195	1–1–10	2–1–10	2.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	7	8

#### PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

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

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

■ 5. In appendix B to part 4044, a new entry for January—March 2010, as set forth below, is added to the table.

#### Appendix B to Part 4044—Interest Rates Used to Value Benefits

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For valuation dates occurring in the months—				The values of $i_t$ are:			
				$i_t$	for t =	$i_t$	for t =
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
January—March 2010	.....			0.0489	1–20	0.0463	>20
							N/A
							N/A

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 10th day of December 2009.

Vincent K. Snowbarger,

Acting Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2009–0670]

RIN 1625–AA09

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Franklin Canal, Franklin, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is changing the regulation governing the operation of the Chatsworth Road Swing Span Bridge across the Franklin Canal, mile 4.8, at Franklin, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. The St. Mary Parish Government requested that the operating regulation of the Chatsworth Road swing span bridge be changed in order for the bridge not to have to be continuously manned by a draw tender. This change allows the bridge to remain unmanned during most of the day by requiring a one-hour notice for an opening of the draw between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., during which time the bridge normally opens on signal.

**DATES:** This rule is effective January 14, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and related materials received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG–2009–0670 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG–2009–0670 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” This material is also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this rule, call or e-mail Phil Johnson, Bridge Administration Branch, Eighth Coast Guard District; telephone 504–671–2128, e-mail [Philip.R.Johnson@uscg.mil](mailto:Philip.R.Johnson@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Regulatory Information

On August 19, 2009, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Franklin Canal, Franklin, LA in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 41816). We received no comments on the proposed rule. No public meeting was requested, and none was held.

##### Background and Purpose

The St. Mary Parish Government requested that the operating regulation of the Chatsworth Road Swing Span Bridge, located on the Franklin Canal at

mile 4.8 in Franklin, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, be changed in order for the bridge not to have to be continuously manned by a draw tender from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. when the bridge is now required to open on signal. Because of the relocation of a public boat landing downstream of the bridge, vessel traffic has become infrequent, and it is no longer necessary to have a bridge tender continuously man the bridge.

Concurrent with the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, a Test Deviation [USCG–2009–0670] was issued to allow the St. Mary Parish Government to test the proposed schedule and to obtain data and public comments. The Test Deviation has allowed the bridge to operate as follows: The Chatsworth Road Bridge, mile 4.8 at Franklin, shall open on signal from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. if at least one hour notice is given. From October 1 through January 31 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., the draw shall be opened on signal if at least three hours notice is given. From February 1 through September 30 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., the draw shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given. The test period has been in effect during the entire Notice of Proposed Rulemaking comment period. No comments were received from the public from this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or the above referenced Temporary Deviation. The Coast Guard has reviewed bridge tender logs from before and after the temporary test deviation became effective. The logs do not indicate an appreciable difference in the number of openings between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., since the test deviation was issued. Based on the fact that no objections were received to the