

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and 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 for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in May 2002. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in June 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 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:

Variable-Rate Premiums

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. The required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 100 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year"). (Although the Treasury Department has ceased issuing 30-year securities, the Internal Revenue Service announces a surrogate yield figure each month—based on the 30-year Treasury bond maturing in February 2031—which the PBGC uses to determine the required interest rate.)

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in May 2002 is 5.68 percent.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between June 2001 and May 2002.

For premium payment years beginning in	The required interest rate is
June 2001	4.91
July 2001	4.82
August 2001	4.77
September 2001	4.66
October 2001	4.66
November 2001	4.52
December 2001	4.35
January 2002	5.48
February 2002	5.45
March 2002	5.40
April 2002	5.71
May 2002	5.68

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 June 2002 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.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for an Emergency Information Collection: Website Customer Satisfaction Survey

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will submit to the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an emergency request for review of a new information collection. The Website Customer Satisfaction Survey satisfies the requirements of Executive Order 12862 and the guidelines set forth in OMB's Resources Manual for Customer Surveys.

The completed survey will be web-based (electronic). We estimate approximately 300,000 surveys will be completed during the survey period. The time estimate is 7 minutes. The annual estimated burden is 35,000 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;

- Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and

- Ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on FAX (202) 418-3251 or e-mail mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 3 calendar days from the date of this publication. We request OMB to take action within 15 calendar days of the close of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, OPM PRA Officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St., NW, Room 5415, Washington, DC 20415, and Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Office of Personnel Management.

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