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Dated: March 24, 2000.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Relocation of the NRC Public Document Room

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notification of relocation of the NRC Public Document Room.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is planning to relocate the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR). The PDR is currently located at 2120 L Street, NW, in Washington DC. The NRC plans to relocate the PDR to the NRC's headquarters at the White Flint complex in Rockville, Maryland, by September 30, 2000. The NRC is requesting public comment from users of the PDR on how to best optimize service at this new location.

DATES: The comment period expires April 28, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6D59, Washington, DC 20555-00001.

Hand deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is planning to relocate the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR). The PDR is

currently located at 2120 L Street, NW, in Washington DC. The NRC plans to relocate the PDR to the NRC's headquarters at the White Flint complex in Rockville, Maryland, by September 30, 2000.

The NRC's headquarters offices are located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive. These offices are conveniently located across Marinelli Drive from the White Flint Station on Metro's Red Line and are a short distance from the Capital Beltway (I-495) exits 34 and 35. All reference services currently provided at the Washington, DC, location will be available in the newly renovated space at NRC headquarters. Dining facilities, both inside and outside the headquarters complex, are available. Limited free perimeter parking is available at the rear of the building as well as on nearby streets. The new facility will have handicapped access and parking.

One function of the PDR is to manage the research collection of publicly available paper documents comprising those that pre-date the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) (before November 1, 1999) and those ADAMS records that are provided to the PDR in paper. In a recent study of document usage, it was determined that most of the documents requested and copied by the public are less than 18 months old. At the time of the move, the PDR will have over a year's worth of documents in ADAMS, the NRC's full text-database. The NRC intends to retire the majority of the historical paper collection to an off-site storage facility with plans to provide no-cost, quick turn-around retrieval service. Paper copies of the more frequently requested documents will be kept on-site. As now, the 2.5 million documents in the ADAMS Legacy Library will be available for immediate viewing (and copying) on microfiche at the new facility.

Other On-Going PDR Services

The PDR technical reference librarians assist the public in identifying, retrieving, organizing, and evaluating NRC publicly available information and documents, as well as other resources, represented in electronic, microfiche, paper, and other formats. The PDR provides terminals for the public to access documents in the ADAMS, training, and other assistance in installing and using ADAMS. The PDR manages a contract that provides, for a fee, document duplication for the public. There will continue to be an "800" number for callers outside the

Washington, DC, metropolitan area; however, that number will change when the move is finalized.

Although NRC's headquarters office is located in Rockville, Maryland, section 23 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, requires the NRC to maintain an office for the service of process and papers within the District of Columbia. The NRC has used its PDR at its current location in Washington, DC, to meet this requirement. However, in view of the fact that most NRC stakeholders currently serve papers at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, and that the NRC in the near future will permit electronic filings, the NRC has requested Congress to enact legislation that would eliminate the requirement that the NRC maintain an office in the District of Columbia. In the event that legislation is not enacted, the NRC will identify alternative means to satisfy the requirement in section 23. The NRC will make conforming changes to its regulations to reflect the new location of the agency's PDR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas E. Smith, Acting Chief of the PDR, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, telephone 202-634-3381, or toll-free 1-800-397-4209.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Francine F. Goldberg,

Director, Information Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Qualified Domestic Relations Orders Submitted to the PBGC

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of an information collection (OMB control number 1212-0054; expires July 31, 2000) relating to model forms contained in the PBGC booklet, *Divorce Orders & PBGC*. The booklet provides guidance on how to submit a proper qualified domestic relations order (a "QDRO") to the PBGC. This notice informs the

public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, suite 340, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, or delivered to that address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Written comments will be available for public inspection at the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240 at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by writing to the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department at the address given above or calling 202-326-4040. (For TTY and TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4040.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James L. Beller, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4040.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PBGC intends to request a three-year extension of the paperwork approval relating to model forms contained in the PBGC booklet, *Divorce Orders & PBGC*. The collection of information has been approved through July 31, 2000, by OMB under control number 1212-0054.

A defined benefit pension plan that does not have enough money to pay benefits may be terminated if the employer responsible for the plan faces severe financial difficulty, such as bankruptcy, and is unable to maintain the plan. In such an event, the PBGC becomes trustee of the plan and pays benefits, subject to legal limits, to plan participants and beneficiaries.

The benefits of a pension plan participant generally may not be assigned or alienated. Title I of ERISA provides an exception for domestic relations orders that relate to child support, alimony payments, or marital property rights of an alternate payee (a spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent of a plan participant). The exception applies only if the domestic relations order meets specific legal requirements that make it a qualified domestic relations order.

When the PBGC is trustee of a plan, it reviews submitted domestic relations orders to determine whether the order is qualified before paying benefits to an alternate payee. For several years the PBGC has provided the public with model QDROs (and accompanying guidance) in the booklet, *Divorce Orders & PBGC*, that attorneys and other professionals who are preparing QDROs for plans trustee by the PBGC may submit to the PBGC after receiving court approval. The models and the guidance assist parties by making it easier to comply with ERISA's QDRO requirements in plans trustee by the PBGC.

Before providing the model forms and the QDRO booklet, the PBGC received many inquiries on the requirements for QDROs. Furthermore, many domestic relations orders, both in draft and final form, did not meet the applicable requirements. The PBGC worked with practitioners on a case-by-case basis to ensure that their orders were amended to meet applicable requirements. This process was time-consuming for practitioners and for the PBGC.

Since making the booklet and the model forms available, the PBGC has experienced a decrease in (1) the number of inquiries about QDRO requirements, (2) the number of orders that do not meet the applicable requirements, and (3) the amount of time practitioners and the PBGC need to spend to ensure that the orders meet the applicable requirements.

The requirements for submitting a QDRO are established by statute. The model QDROs and accompanying guidance do not create any additional requirements and will result in a reduction of the statutory burden. The PBGC estimates that it will receive 300 QDROs each year from prospective alternate payees; that the average burden of preparing a QDRO with the assistance of the guidance and model QDROs in PBGC's booklet will be ¼ hour of the alternate payee's time and \$400 in professional fees if the alternate payee hires an attorney or other professional to prepare the QDRO, or 10 hours of the alternate payee's time if the alternate payee prepares the QDRO without hiring an attorney or other professional; and that the total annual burden will be 104.25 hours and \$118,800.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of March, 2000.

Stuart Sirkin,

Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-318]

Request for Public Comment

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

Extension:

Form ADV-E, OMB Control No: 3235-0361.

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.

Form ADV-E is the cover sheet for accountant examination certificates filed pursuant to Rule 206(4)-2 under the Investment Advisers Act by investment advisers retaining custody of client securities or funds. Registrants each spend approximately three minutes, annually, complying with the requirements of the form.

The estimate of burden hours set forth above is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and is not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of SEC rules and forms.