

72.214. The exemption request and CoC application are docketed under Docket No. 72-1014. These documents are available for public review at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**E. William Brach, Director,**

*Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### Interest 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 are derivable 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 interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in February 2000. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in March 2000.

**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. (For TTY/TDD users, 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 in

determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 85 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"). The yield figure is reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Releases G.13 and H.15.

The assumed interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in February 2000 is 5.64 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 6.63 percent yield figure for January 2000).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between March 1999 and February 2000.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The assumed interest rate is:
March 1999 .....	4.56
April 1999 .....	4.74
May 1999 .....	4.72
June 1999 .....	4.94
July 1999 .....	5.13
August 1999 .....	5.08
September 1999 .....	5.16
October 1999 .....	5.16
November 1999 .....	5.32
December .....	5.23
January 2000 .....	5.40
February 2000 .....	5.64

### 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 2000 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 4th day of February, 2000.

**David M. Strauss,**

*Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on December 27, 1999 (64 FR 72369). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between November 1, 1999, and December 31, 1999, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities has been published June 30 of last year.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during November or December 1999.

### Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during November or December 1999.

### Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during November thru December 1999:

#### Broadcasting Board of Governors

Senior Advisor to the Director, International Broadcasting Bureau. Effective November 2, 1999.

#### Commission on Civil Rights

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective November 5, 1999.

#### Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Office of Community Development. Effective November 1, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Effective November 3, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Civil Rights. Effective November 5, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective November 5, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service. Effective November 18, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Press Secretary to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective November 24, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective November 24, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Chief (Program Support Assistant) to the Chief, Natural Resources and Environment. Effective December 2, 1999.

Deputy Press Secretary to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective December 15, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service. Effective December 15, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service. Effective December 22, 1999.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmospheric Administration. Effective November 22, 1999.

#### *Department of Defense*

Special Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective November 3, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Defense Research and Engineering. Effective December 13, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict). Effective December 13, 1999.

Special Assistant for Outreach to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security). Effective December 20, 1999.

#### *Department of Education*

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs, Office of the Secretary. Effective November 2, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, America Reads Challenge. Effective November 5, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, America Reads Challenge. Effective November 5, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights. Effective December 22, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Interagency Affairs and Community Service. Effective December 22, 1999.

#### *Department of Energy*

Special Assistant for Communications to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. Effective November 15, 1999.

Director, Energy Advisory Board to the Secretary of Energy. Effective November 18, 1999.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Energy. Effective December 6, 1999.

Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Energy. Effective December 7, 1999.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Energy. Effective December 15, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Consumer Information. Effective December 22, 1999.

Special Projects Officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Power Technology. Effective December 23, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Natural Gas and Petroleum Technology. Effective December 23, 1999.

#### *Department of Health and Human Services*

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration. Effective November 8, 1999.

#### *Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Special Assistant to the Advisor for Management Reform and Operations. Effective November 12, 1999.

Director of Operations to the Advisor for Management Reform and Operations. Effective November 18, 1999.

Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Housing. Effective December 15, 1999.

Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.. Effective December 15, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective December 16, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Effective December 22, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Effective December 22, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Effective December 22, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Advisor for Management Reform and Operations. Effective December 23, 1999.

Special Counsel to the General Counsel. Effective December 23, 1999.

Special Counsel to the General Counsel. Effective December 23, 1999.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. Effective December 23, 1999.

#### *Department of the Interior*

Deputy Director, Office of Insular Affairs to the Director, Office of Insular Affairs. Effective November 5, 1999.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Workforce Diversity to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget. Effective November 9, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective November 18, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective November 22, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget. Effective December 1, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective December 15, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Director, Bureau of Land Management. Effective December 15, 1999.

#### *Department of Justice*

Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Environmental and Natural Resources Division. Effective November 5, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective November 15, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Community Relations Service. Effective December 7, 1999.

#### *Department of Labor*

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective November 1, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective November 5, 1999.

Attorney-Advisor (Labor) to the Solicitor of Labor. Effective November 24, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Labor. Effective November 29, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 1, 1999.

Speech Writer to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 2, 1999.

Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective December 7, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor. Effective December 22, 1999.

#### *Department of State*

Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Effective November 3, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs. Effective November 3, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy to the Chief of Staff. Effective November 22, 1999.

Program Officer to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective December 6, 1999.

Management Analyst to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Logistics Management. Effective December 15, 1999.

Protocol Officer (Visits) to the Chief of Protocol. Effective December 16, 1999.

#### *Department of Transportation*

Special Assistant to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs. Effective November 5, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs. Effective November 15, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration. Effective November 18, 1999.

Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective December 7, 1999.

#### *Department of the Treasury*

Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Effective November 15, 1999.

Deputy Executive Secretary to the Executive Secretary. Effective November 29, 1999.

#### *Department of Veterans Affairs*

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective December 7, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective December 17, 1999.

#### *Environmental Protection Agency*

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator. Effective December 28, 1999.

#### *Federal Communications Commission*

Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective December 9, 1999.

#### *Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation*

Secretary to the Chairman. Effective November 9, 1999.

#### *Office of Management and Budget*

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director, National Security and International Affairs. Effective November 5, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Budget. Effective November 15, 1999.

#### *Office of Personnel Management*

Senior Advisor for Communications to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective December 17, 1999.

#### *Small Business Administration*

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Administrator. Effective December 22, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development. Effective December 22, 1999.

Regional Administrator, Region V, Chicago, IL to the Assistant Director, for Field Operations. Effective December 28, 1999.

#### *U.S. International Trade Commission*

Staff Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective December 22, 1999.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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#### **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

##### **Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Open Committee Meetings**

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, February 24, 2000

Thursday, March 16, 2000

Thursday, March 30, 2000

The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and

management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

February 4, 2000.

**John F. Leyden,**

*Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.*

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#### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

##### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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Notice is hereby give 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