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Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: November 3, 1999.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,  
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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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 November 1999. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in December 1999.

**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 November 1999 is 5.32 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 6.26 percent yield figure for October 1999).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between December 1998 and November 1999.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The assumed interest rate is:
December 1998 .....	4.46
January 1999 .....	4.30
February 1999 .....	4.39
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

##### 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 December 1999 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 November 1999.

**David M. Strauss,**

*Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment to a System of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice to amend a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** OPM proposes to amend a system of records in its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the existence and character of record systems maintained by the agency ((5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)).

**DATES:** The changes will be effective without further notice December 27, 1999, unless comments are received that result in further modifications.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to the Office of Personnel Management, ATTN: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 5415, Washington, DC 20415-7900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, (202) 606-8358.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This amendment changes the name and address of the systems manager for the system of records designated as OPM/INTERNAL 5 (Pay, Leave, and Travel Records) from Assistant Director, Office of Contracting and Administrative Services, zip code 20415-0001, to Chief Financial Officer, zip code 20415-1200. This amendment also adds a new routine use which is to disclose information to the Department of Health and Human Services on new hires and quarterly wages as required under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**  
Director.

#### OPM/INTERNAL-5

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Pay, Leave, and Travel Records.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, and in the office where the individual is currently employed for use by timekeeper, budget and finance, travel personnel, or fare subsidy program manager or coordinator.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Current and former OPM employees.

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

This system contains various records relating to pay, leave, and travel. This includes information such as: Name; date of birth; Social Security Number; home address; grade; employing organization; timekeeper number; salary; pay plan; number of hours worked; leave accrual rate, usage, and balances; Civil Service Retirement and Federal Retirement System contributions; FICA withholdings; Federal, State, and local tax withholdings; Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance withholdings; Federal Employee's Health Benefits withholdings; charitable deductions; allotments to financial organizations; garnishment documents; savings bonds allotments; union and management association dues withholding allotments; travel expenses; and information on the leave transfer program and fare subsidy program.

##### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Includes the following with any revisions or amendments:

31 U.S.C. 66a; 5 U.S.C. 5501 *et seq.*, 5525 *et seq.*, 5701 *et seq.*, and 6301 *et seq.*; Executive Order 9397; Pub. L. 100-202, Pub. L. 100-440, and Pub. L. 101-509.

##### PURPOSE(S):

These records are used to administer the pay, leave, and travel requirements of OPM and in the administration of the fare subsidy program. These records may also be used to locate individuals for personnel research.

##### ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Routine uses 1 through 10 of the Prefatory Statement at the beginning of OPM's system notices (60 FR 63075,

effective January 17, 1996) apply to the records maintained within this system. The following routine uses are specific to this system of records only:

a. By the Department of Labor in connection with a claim filed by an employee for compensation due to a job-connected injury or illness.

b. By the Department of the Treasury to issue checks and U.S. Savings Bonds.

c. By State offices of unemployment compensation with survivor annuity or health benefits claims or records reconciliations.

d. By Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance or Health Benefits carriers in connection with survivor annuity or health benefits claims or records reconciliations.

e. To disclose information to the Internal Revenue Service and State and local tax authorities.

f. To provide officials of labor organizations recognized under 5 U.S.C. Chapter 71 with information as to the identity of OPM employees contributing union dues each pay period and the amount of dues withheld from each contributor.

g. To disclose information to officials of labor organizations recognized under 5 U.S.C. Chapter 71 when relevant and necessary to their duties of exclusive representation concerning personnel policies, practices, and matters affecting working conditions.

h. To disclose information to any source from which additional information is requested relevant to an OPM determination concerning an individual's pay, leave, or travel expenses, to the extent necessary to identify the individual, inform the source of the purpose(s) of the request, and to identify the type of information requested.

i. To disclose information to the Office of Management and Budget at any stage in the legislative coordination and clearance process in connection with private relief legislation as set forth in OMB Circular No. A-19.

j. To disclose, annually, pay data to the Social Security Administration and the Department of the Treasury as required.

k. To disclose information to a Federal agency or Congressional inquiry from which additional or statistical information is requested relevant to the OPM Fare Subsidy Program.

l. To disclose information to the Department of Health and Human Services on new hires and quarterly wages as required under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

##### DISCLOSURES TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

*Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12):* Disclosures may be made from this system to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

##### POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF STORING, RETRIEVING, SAFEGUARDING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

##### STORAGE:

These records are maintained in an automated data base, in file folders and loose leaf binders, and on cards and magnetic tapes.

##### RETRIEVABILITY:

These records are retrieved by the names, Social Security Numbers, or OPM employee identification numbers of the individuals on whom they are maintained.

##### SAFEGUARDS:

These records are located in lockable metal filing cabinets or in a secured facility and are available only to authorized personnel whose duties require access.

##### RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

These records are maintained for varying periods of time, in accordance with NARA General Records Schedules 2 (pay and leave) and 9 (travel). Disposal of manual records is by shredding or burning; magnetic tapes are erased.

##### SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415-1200.

##### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to determine whether this system of records contains information on them should contact the system manager indicated, or the OPM regional office where the individual is or was employed. Individuals must furnish the following for their records to be located and identified:

- a. Full name.
- b. Date of birth.
- c. Social Security Number.
- d. OPM employment identification number.

##### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to request access to records about them should contact the system manager indicated, or the OPM regional office where the individual is or was employed. Individuals must provide the following information for their records to be located and identified:

- a. Full name
- b. Date of birth
- c. Social Security Number
- d. OPM employment identification number

Individuals requesting access must also follow the OPM's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity and access to records (5 CFR part 297).

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Individuals wishing to request amendment of records about them should contact the system manager indicated, or the OPM regional office where the individual is or was employed. Individuals must furnish the following information for their records to be located and identified:

- a. Full name
- b. Date of birth
- c. Social Security Number
- d. OPM employment identification number

Individuals requesting amendment must also follow the OPM's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity and amendment of records (5 CFR part 297).

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system of records is obtained from:

- a. The individual to whom the record pertains.
- b. OPM officials responsible for pay, leave, and travel requirements.
- c. Other official personnel documents of OPM.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27098]

### Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

November 5, 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transactions(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declarations(s) and any amendments is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the

application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 30, 1999, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 30, 1999, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

#### New Century Energies, Inc., et al. (70-8787)

New Century Energies, Inc. ("NCE"), a registered holding company, and two of its wholly owned subsidiaries, Public Service Company of Colorado ("PSCo"), an electric and gas utility company, and NC Enterprises, Inc. ("Enterprises"), a nonutility company, each located at 1225 17th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-5533, have filed a post-effective amendment under sections 9(a), 10, 12(b), 12(c) and 12(f) of the Act and rules 43, 45, 46 and 54 under the Act, to their application-declaration filed under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10 and 13(b) of the Act and rules 80 through 91, 93 and 94 under the Act.

By order dated August 1, 1997 (HCAR No. 26748) (the "Merger Order"), the Commission authorized, among other things, NCE to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common stock of PSCo and Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS"), an electric utility company, and to organize Enterprises as an intermediate holding company for certain of the existing nonutility subsidiaries of PSCo and SPS which the Commission held to be retainable under the standards of section 11(b)(1) of the Act. In accordance with the Merger Order, PSCo transferred Natural Fuels Corporation ("Natural Fuels"), an 83.63% owned subsidiary of PSCo, to Enterprises. The remaining 16.37% interest in Natural Fuels is owned by CIC Stock Corporation ("CIC"), an indirect subsidiary of the Coastal Corporation, which is a nonaffiliate of NCE.

Natural Fuels currently holds a 50% interest in Natural/Total Limited Liability Company ("Natural/Total"), a Wyoming limited liability company, and a 50% profits interest (25% capital interest) in Natural/Peoples Limited Liability Company ("Natural/Peoples"),

also a Wyoming limited liability company. Natural/Total, in turn, holds a 67% interest in Natural/Total/KN Limited Partnership ("Natural/Total LLP").

Natural Fuels and its subsidiaries named above are engaged in two distinct lines of business which relate generally to the commercialization of compressed natural gas as a fuel for motor vehicles. One line of business includes the conversion of motor vehicles to permit operation by compressed natural gas or propane, and the construction, ownership and operation of compressed natural gas fueling stations ("Energy Services"). The other line of business involves the packaging and marketing of compressed natural gas fueling facility equipment ("Station Equipment"). The applicants state that the two lines of business have substantially different customer bases, geographic focus, and capital requirements. The Energy Services business is confined to parts of Colorado and Wyoming and generally serves the needs of motor vehicle users (both individual and fleet). This business generally involves the ownership and operation of long-lived assets (viz. refueling stations). In contrast, the Station Equipment business is national and international in scope, and serves the needs of fuel providers, utilities, and automotive fleet operators, rather than vehicle users. This business does not involve investment in or ownership or operation of long-lived assets.

The applicants state that they have determined that it would be desirable from an operational and organizational standpoint to separate Natural Fuel's Energy Services and Station Equipment businesses and transfer the former back to PSCo. The applicant assert that the Energy Services business fits well with PSCo's gas utility operations, as they share a similar customer base in Colorado and Wyoming and involve similar operational characteristics. Moreover, PSCo already owns and operates compressed natural gas fueling stations at the majority of its service centers for the operation of more than 350 service vehicles which use compressed natural gas in compliance with the requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. The applicants also assert that the transfer would streamline and focus the marketing and public education efforts that are now conducted by both Natural Fuels and PSCo. To effectuate the goals of separating Natural Fuels Energy Services and Station Equipment businesses and of transferring the former back to PSCo, the applicants