

premium payment years beginning in February 2006 is 3.90 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 4.59 percent Treasury Securities Rate for January 2006).

The Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 ("PFEA")—under which the required interest rate is 85 percent of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid—applies only for premium payment years beginning in 2004 or 2005. Congress is considering legislation that would extend the PFEA rate for one more year. If legislation that changes the rules for determining the required interest rate for plan years beginning in February 2006 is adopted, the PBGC will promptly publish a **Federal Register** notice with the new rate.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between March 2005 and February 2006.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
March 2005	4.56
April 2005	4.78
May 2005	4.72
June 2005	4.60
July 2005	4.47
August 2005	4.56
September 2005	4.61
October 2005	4.62
November 2005	4.83
December 2005	4.91
January 2006	3.95
February 2006	3.90

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 2006 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 February 2006.

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Deputy Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Form 12b-25; SEC File No. 270-71; OMB Control No. 3235-0058

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget the request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

The purpose of Form 12b-25 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is to provide notice to the Commission and the marketplace that a public company will be unable to timely file a required periodic report. If all filing conditions are met, the company is granted an automatic filing extension. The information required is filed on occasion and is mandatory. All information is provided to the public for review. Publicly held companies file Form 12b-25. Approximately 7,799 issuers file Form 12b-25 and it takes approximately 2.5 hours per response for a total of 19,498 burden hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; or an e-mail to David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must

be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: February 6, 2006

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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Extension:

Rule 24b-1; SEC File No. 270-205; OMB Control No. 3235-0194.

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.

Rule 24b-1 (17 CFR 240.24b-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires a national securities exchange to keep and make available for public inspection a copy of its registration statement and exhibits filed with the Commission, along with any amendments thereto.

There are eight national securities exchanges that spend approximately one half hour each complying with this rule, for an aggregate total compliance burden of four hours per year. The staff estimates that the average cost per respondent is \$57.68 per year, calculated as the costs of copying (\$12.36) plus storage (\$45.32), resulting in a total cost of compliance for the respondents of \$461.44.

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Written comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to (i) the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R.

Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: February 7, 2006.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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Extension:

Rule 15Aj-1; SEC File No. 270-25; OMB Control No. 3235-0044.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 15Aj-1 implements the requirements of Sections 15A, 17, and 19 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by requiring every association registered as, or applying for registration as, a national securities association or as an affiliated securities association to keep its registration statement up-to-date by making periodic filings with the Commission on Form X-15Aj-1 and Form X-15Aj-2.

Rule 15Aj-1 requires a securities association to promptly notify the Commission after the discovery of any inaccuracy in its registration statement or in any amendment or supplement thereto by filing an amendment to its registration statement on Form X-15Aj-1 correcting such inaccuracy. The Rule also requires an association to promptly notify the Commission of any change which renders no longer accurate any information contained or incorporated in its registration statement or in any amendment or supplement thereto by filing a current supplement on Form X-15Aj-1. Rule 15Aj-1 further requires an association to file each year with the Commission an annual consolidated supplement on Form X-15Aj-2.

The information required by Rule 15Aj-1 and Forms X-15Aj-1 and X-15Aj-2 is intended to enable the Commission to carry out its statutorily mandated oversight functions and to assure that registered securities associations are in compliance with the Act. This information is also made available to members of the public. Without the requirements imposed by the Rule, the Commission would be unable to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities.

There is presently only one registered securities association, which registered in 1939, subject to the Rule. The burdens associated with Rule 15Aj-1 requirements have been borne by only one securities association since Rule 15Aj-1 was adopted. Furthermore, the burdens associated with Rule 15Aj-1 vary depending on whether amendments and current supplements are filed on Form X-15Aj-1 in addition to an annual consolidated supplement filed on Form X-15Aj-2. The Commission staff estimates the burden hours necessary to comply with the Rule by filing an amendment or a current supplement on Form X-15Aj-1 to be approximately one-half hour, with a related cost of \$11, per response. The Commission staff estimates the burden hours necessary to comply with the Rule by filing an annual consolidated supplement on Form X-15Aj-2 to be approximately three hours, with a related cost of \$90. Therefore, the Commission staff estimates that the total annual related reporting cost associated with the Rule to be upwards of \$90, assuming a minimum filing of an annual consolidated statement on Form X-15Aj-2, with additional filings on Form X-15Aj-1 correspondingly increasing such reporting cost.

Compliance with Rule 15Aj-1 is mandatory. Information received in response to Rule 15Aj-1 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public information.

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David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE.,

Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

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Assistant Secretary.

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Extension:

Rule 31a-1; SEC File No. 270-173; OMB Control No. 3235-0178.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3501-3520], the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 31a-1 [17 CFR 270.31a-1] under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") is entitled "Records to be maintained by registered investment companies, certain majority-owned subsidiaries thereof, and other persons having transactions with registered investment companies." Rule 31a-1 requires registered investment companies ("funds"), and every underwriter, broker, dealer, or investment adviser that is a majority-owned subsidiary of a fund, to maintain and keep current accounts, books, and other documents which constitute the record forming the basis for financial statements required to be filed pursuant to section 31 of the Act [15 U.S.C. 80a-30] and of the auditor's certificates relating thereto. The rule lists specific records to be maintained by funds. The rule also requires certain underwriters, brokers, dealers, depositors, and investment advisers to maintain the records that they are required to maintain under federal securities laws. The Commission periodically inspects the operations of funds to insure their compliance with the provisions of the Act and the rules thereunder. The books and records required to be maintained by rule 31a-1 constitute a major focus of the Commission's inspection program.