

compliance with the annual alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirement for its fleet. Additionally, the reports include data relative to the agency's effort in reducing petroleum consumption.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Business Operations Center, Office of Administrative Services, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S1521, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Stewart, Director of Business Operations Center at (202) 693-4021 or email Stewart-Milton@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13211-13219) as amended by the Energy Conservation and Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-388, Section 310(b) (3) and Executive Order 13149 (April 2000) were intended to decrease the country's dependence on petroleum for transportation purposes. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires Federal fleets to acquire 75 percent of their new covered vehicle acquisitions as alternative fuel vehicles. In Fiscal Year (FY) 1999, DOL acquired 85 vehicles covered as alternative fuel vehicles. In FY 2000 and 2001, the number of covered vehicles was 77 and 116 respectively. The Department is not currently in compliance, however, expects to achieve compliance by FY 2005.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218 of the Energy Policy Act, DOL and other covered agencies are required annually to submit to Congress reports on their Energy Policy Act's alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirements. These reports must also be placed on an available Web site and their availability, including the Web site address, must be published in the **Federal Register**.

DOL reports for 1999, 2000, and 2001 may be accessed at the DOL Fleet Information and Regulations Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/boc/epact.htm>.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 10th day of January 2003.

Patrick Pizzella,

Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Wage and Hour Division; Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedeas decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29

CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department.

Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Withdrawn General Wage Determination Decisions

This is to advise all interested parties that the Department of Labor is withdrawing, from the date of this notice, General Wage Decisions as listed below:

MD020017—See MD020016
PA020033—See PA020013
PA020043—See PA020013
KY020042—See KY020005

Contracts for which bids have been opened shall not be affected by this notice. Also, consistent with 29 CFR 1.6(c)(2)(i)(A), when the opening of bids is less than ten (10) days from the date of this notice, this action shall be effective unless the agency finds that there is insufficient time to notify bidders of the change and the finding is documented in the contract file.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions listed to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

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General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon And Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically at no cost on the Government Printing Office site at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/davisbacon>. They are also available electronically by subscription to the Davis-Bacon Online Service (<http://davisbacon.fedworld.gov>) of the

National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068. This subscription offers value-added features such as electronic delivery of modified wage decisions directly to the user's desktop, the ability to access prior wage decisions issued during the year, extensive Help desk Support, etc.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the six separate Volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates will be distributed to subscribers.

Dated: January 9, 2003.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application Numbers D-11137, 11138, and 11139]

Notice of Proposed Individual Exemption Involving the Northwest Airlines Pension Plan for Salaried Employees, the Northwest Airlines Pension Plan for Pilot Employees, and the Northwest Airlines Pension Plan for Contract Employees (Collectively, the Plans) Located in Eagan, MN

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed individual exemption.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of a proposed exemption from certain prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA or the Act) and from certain taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). If granted, the proposed exemption would permit: (1) The in-kind contribution(s) of the common stock of either Pinnacle

Airlines, Inc. or Pinnacle Airlines Corp. (Pinnacle Stock) to the Plans by Northwest Airlines, Inc. (Northwest), a party in interest with respect to such Plans; (2) the holding of the Pinnacle Stock by the Plans; (3) the sale of the Pinnacle Stock by the Plans to Northwest; and (4) the acquisition, holding, and exercise by the Plans of a put option (the Put Option) granted to the Plans by Northwest (the Exemption Transactions). If granted, the proposed exemption would affect participants and beneficiaries of, and fiduciaries with respect to, the Plans.

DATES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing should be received by the Department on or before March 3, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This exemption, if granted, will be effective as of January 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and requests for a public hearing (preferably, three copies) should be sent to the Office of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, (Attention: Exemption Application Numbers D-11137-39).

Interested persons are also invited to submit comments and/or hearing request to the Department by the end of the scheduled comment period either by facsimile to (202) 219-0204 or by electronic mail to moffittb@pwba.dol.gov. The application pertaining to the proposed exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Disclosure Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-1513, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document contains a notice of pendency before the Department of a proposed individual exemption from the restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2), and 407(a) of the Act and from the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975(a) and (b) of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (E) of the Code.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy M. McColough or Christopher Motta, Office of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone (202) 693-8540. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Summary of Facts and Representations

1. Northwest. Northwest (hereinafter, Northwest or the Applicant) is a Minnesota corporation with its principal headquarters in Eagan, Minnesota. Northwest is the principal operating company of the Northwest Airlines Corporation's controlled group and is the fourth largest airline in the world. Northwest Airlines Corporation (NWAC), the ultimate parent corporation, which indirectly owns 100 percent (100%) of the stock of Northwest, is publicly traded (NASDAQ symbol NWAC) and is a Delaware corporation. Northwest represents that all significant members of NWAC's controlled group are airline-related. The airline began service on October 1, 1926. Known primarily as an international airline prior to the era of deregulation, Northwest strengthened its domestic presence when the industry was deregulated. To achieve this, Northwest acquired Republic Airlines in 1986. Today, the Applicant states that Northwest has a 10 percent (10%) domestic market share. In 1989, Northwest created the first international airline alliance with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM), giving Northwest an international presence between the U.S. and Europe and points beyond. Northwest expanded its alliance strategy again in 1998 with Continental Airlines (Continental) by creating the first domestic, major airline alliance. This alliance was solidified with a new 25-year alliance agreement in 2001. In August 2002, Northwest and Continental announced that a ten-year cooperative marketing agreement had been reached with Delta Air Lines. This agreement is subject to U.S. government review and approval. NWAC was taken private in 1989. In March 1994, NWAC completed an initial public offering and again became a public company.

2. Northwest is the sponsor of the Northwest Airlines Pension Plan for Salaried Employees (Salaried Plan), the Northwest Airlines Pension Plan for Pilot Employees (Pilots Plan), and the Northwest Airlines Pension Plan for Contract Employees (Contract Plan) with the authority, directly or through a committee of officers designated by it (The Northwest Airlines Pension Investment Committee), to appoint and remove trustees and investment managers. Northwest also retains the authority, subject to collective bargaining limitations, to amend and terminate the Plans and to transfer assets and liabilities to and from the Plans. Northwest is the plan administrator under the Plans and a