

administrators with the procedures and guidelines necessary to furnish plan participants and beneficiaries with Summary Plan Descriptions that clearly explain their rights and obligations.

Agency: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Notice of Enrollment Rights.

OMB Number: 1210-0101 (extension).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Group Health Plans.

Number of Respondents: 14,590.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: .50 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 5,715.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (in thousands): \$730.

Description: Under 29 CFR 2590.701-6 of the April 8 Interim Rules, a group health plan offering group health insurance coverage is obligated to provide a description of the plan's special enrollment rules. The special enrollment rules generally apply in circumstances when the participant initially declined to enroll in the plan, and subsequently would like to have coverage.

Agency: Pension and Welfare Administration.

Title: Notice of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion.

OMB Number: 1210-0102 (extension).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Group Health Plans.

Number of Respondents: 6,590.

Estimated Time Per Respondent:

Notices to all eligible employees are estimated to take 1 hour for preparation of a notice, and .50 minutes for distribution. For notices to participants with insufficient prior coverage, it is estimated to take 1 hour per plan, and an average of 2 minutes for preparation.

Total Burden Hours: 8,150.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total annual costs (in thousands): \$700.

Description: Pursuant to 29 CFR 2590.701-3(c), a group health plan offering group health insurance coverage may not impose any pre-existing condition exclusions on a participant unless the participant has been notified on the plan's provisions and his or her right to establish prior creditable coverage. 29 CFR 2590.701-4 requires that plans that use the alternative method of crediting coverage disclose their method at the time of a

participant's enrollment in the plan. 29 CFR 2590.701-5(d) requires that before a plan imposes a pre-existing condition exclusion on a particular participant, it must first disclose that determination in writing, including the basis for the decision and an explanation of any appeal procedure.

Agency: Provision and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Establishing Prior Creditable Coverage.

OMB Number: 1210-0103 (extension).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Group Health Plans.

Number of Respondents: 15,604.

Estimated Time Per Respondent:

Generation of the certification ranges from 2 to 5 minutes depending on when the certification is generated. .50 minutes was used for distribution for all applicable certifications and notices.

Total Burden Hours: 336,060.

Total annualized capital/startup costs (in thousands): \$5,400.

Total annual costs (in thousands): \$26,400.

Description: In order to meet the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's goal of improving access to and portability of health care benefits, the statute provides that, after the submission of evidence establishing prior creditable coverage, a subsequent health insurance provider would be limited in the extent to which it could use pre-existing condition exclusions to limit coverage. This Information Collection Request covers the submission of materials sufficient to establish prior creditable coverage.

Todd R. Owen,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; U.S. National Administrative Office, National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Notice of Open Meeting by Teleconference

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting by teleconference, February 12, 1998.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94-463), the U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on

Labor Cooperation (NAALC), which was established by the Secretary of Labor.

The Committee was established to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Labor on matters pertaining to the implementation and further elaboration of the NAALC, the labor side accord to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The Committee is authorized under Article 17 of the NAALC.

The Committee consists of 12 independent representatives drawn from among labor organizations, business and industry, and educational institutions.

DATES: The Committee will meet on February 12, 1998 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be by teleconference.

ADDRESS: U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-5515 (Executive Conference Room), Washington, D.C. 20210. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Irasema Garza, designated Federal Officer, U.S. NAO, U.S. Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone 202-501-6653 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1994 (59 FR 64713) for supplementary information.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on January 5, 1998.

Irasema T. Garza,

Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.

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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 supersedes 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, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in 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 county.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at (703) 487-4630.

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing

Office, Washington, D.C. 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 seven 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 are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, D.C. This 31st day of December 1997.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**Request for Determination of Substantial Damage With Respect to the Cessation of the Obligation to Contribute by Kane Transfer Company to the Freight Drivers and Helpers Local Union No. 557 Pension Fund**

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of No Determination.

SUMMARY: This notice advises interested persons that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC") has declined to make a determination of substantial damage under section 4203(d)(4) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act with respect to the cessation of contributions under the Freight Drivers and Helpers Local Union No. 557 Pension Fund by Kane Transfer Company. Section 4203(d) provides a special withdrawal rule for the trucking industry, under which a trucking employer is not considered to have withdrawn from the plan if certain conditions are met, including the furnishing of a bond or escrow. After the bond/escrow requirement has been satisfied, the PBGC may make a finding under section 4203(d)(4) that the cessation (considered together with other cessations) has substantially damaged the plan's contribution base. In this event, the employer will be treated as having withdrawn from the plan and the bond or escrow will be paid to the plan. Alternatively, the PBGC may find under section 4203(d)(5) that no substantial damage has been caused, in which case the bond will be canceled or the escrowed amount returned to the employer, and the employer will have

no further liability under the plan. The purpose of this notice is to advise interested persons that the PBGC has declined to find substantial damage in this case.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas T. Kim, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026; telephone 202-326-4020 ext. 3581 (For TTY/TDD, call the Federal relay service at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4020).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 4203(d) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended ("ERISA"), provides a special withdrawal rule for the trucking industry. That industry, for purposes of this rule, is considered to include the long and short haul trucking industry, the household goods moving industry, and the public warehousing industry. The rule is limited to trucking industry plans, i.e., plans under which substantially all of the contributions required are made by employers that have an obligation to contribute primarily for work in the trucking industry.

Under section 4203(d), a trucking employer will not be considered to have withdrawn from a trucking industry plan merely because the employer permanently ceases to have an obligation to contribute under the plan or permanently ceases all covered operations under the plan, if certain conditions are met. One condition is that the employer must not continue to perform work within the jurisdiction of the plan. Another condition is that the employer must furnish a bond or establish an escrow account in an amount equal to 50 percent of its withdrawal liability.

After the bond is posted or the escrow established, the PBGC may, within 60 months after the cessation of the employer's covered operations or obligation to contribute, make a determination about the effect of the cessation (considered together with any cessations by other employers) on the plan's contribution base. If the PBGC makes a finding under section 4203(d)(4) that the contribution base has suffered substantial damage, the employer will be treated as having withdrawn from the plan on the date when the obligation to contribute or covered operations ceased. In that event, the bond or escrow will be paid to the plan, and the employer will be liable for the remainder of the withdrawal