

Late Premium Payments; Underpayments and Overpayments of Single-Employer Plan Termination Liability

Section 4007(b) of ERISA and § 4007.7(a) of the PBGC's regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR part 4007) require the payment of interest on late premium payments at the rate established under section 6601 of the Internal Revenue Code. Similarly, § 4062.7 of the PBGC's regulation on Liability for Termination of Single-employer Plans (29 CFR part 4062) requires that interest be charged or credited at the section 6601 rate on underpayments and overpayments of employer liability under section 4062 of ERISA. The section 6601 rate is established periodically (currently quarterly) by the Internal Revenue Service. The rate applicable to the second quarter (April through June) of 2001, as announced by the IRS, is 8 percent.

The following table lists the late payment interest rates for premiums and employer liability for the specified time periods:

From—	Through—	Interest rate (percent)
4/1/95	6/30/95	10
7/1/95	3/31/96	9
4/1/96	6/30/96	8
7/1/96	3/31/98	9
4/1/98	12/31/98	8
1/1/99	3/31/99	7
4/1/99	3/31/00	8
4/1/00	3/31/01	9
4/1/01	6/30/01	8

Underpayments and Overpayments of Multiemployer Withdrawal Liability

Section 4219.32(b) of the PBGC's regulation on Notice, Collection, and Redetermination of Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR part 4219) specifies the rate at which a multiemployer plan is to charge or credit interest on underpayments and overpayments of withdrawal liability under section 4219 of ERISA unless an applicable plan provision provides otherwise. For interest accruing during any calendar quarter, the specified rate is the average quoted prime rate on short-term commercial loans for the fifteenth day (or the next business day if the fifteenth day is not a business day) of the month preceding the beginning of the quarter, as reported by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Statistical Release H.15 ("Selected Interest Rates"). The rate for the second quarter (April through June) of 2001

(i.e., the rate reported for March 15, 2001) is 8.50 percent.

The following table lists the withdrawal liability underpayment and overpayment interest rates for the specified time periods:

From—	Through—	Interest rate (percent)
4/1/95	9/30/95	9.00
10/1/95	3/31/96	8.75
4/1/96	6/30/97	8.25
7/1/97	12/31/98	8.50
1/1/99	9/30/99	7.75
10/1/99	12/31/99	8.25
1/1/00	3/31/00	8.50
4/1/00	6/30/00	8.75
7/1/00	3/31/01	9.50
4/1/01	6/30/01	8.50

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 May 2001 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 9th day of April 2001.

John Seal,

Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection: RI 98-7

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. RI 98-7, We Need Important Information About Your Eligibility for Social Security Disability Benefits, is

used to verify receipt of Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits, make necessary adjustments to the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) disability benefit, and to notify the retiree of any overpayment amount payable to OPM. It also specifically notifies the retiree of his or her responsibility to notify OPM of his or her Social Security status and the consequences of non-notification.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 2,200 RI 98-7 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 5 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 183 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or email to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before June 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to John W. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415-3520.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,

Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Request for Reinstatement of Revised Optional Forms: OPM Form OF 510, Applying for a Federal Job, and OPM Form OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reinstatement of revised optional forms Applying for a Federal Job (OF 510) and Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF 612). The OF 510 is used to provide guidance to the general public on how to apply for Federal jobs. The form provides information on what necessary work, education, and other information applicants should provide in association with vacancy announcements and completing their application method of choice. The OF 612 is a data collection form used to collect applicant qualification information associated with vacancy announcements. The form provides necessary guidance to applicants so that they can be considered for employment when applying for Federal jobs.

A comment request for these optional forms was published in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 1999 [FR Doc. 99-26230]. During the initial 60-day comment request, OPM received and took action on the following comments: (1) Updated Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements have been incorporated in both optional forms; (2) an applicant e-mailed OPM identifying format errors on our downloadable OF 612, a Microsoft Word file, from OPM's USAJOBS web site [http://www.usajobs.opm.gov], which has since been corrected; and (3) one Federal agency e-mailed OPM clarifying whether it was OPM's intention to make the OF 612 mandatory and whether applicants can still use resumes for applying to Federal employment. OPM responded stating we have no intention of making the OF 612 mandatory and that application via a resume is still perfectly acceptable. The OF 612 will continue to be an "optional form."

In addition, OPM has revised the OF 510 to include updated information and tips for applying for a Federal job, updated Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements, and re-designed the optional form for a new look and easier flow. The OF 612 has been revised to include updated Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements. Existing stock of both optional forms are still usable until current stock is depleted.

Upon clearance from the Office of Management and Budget, it is OPM's intention to make both optional forms available via OPM's web site and OPM's USAJOBS web site. Presently both existing versions of these optional forms are available on both sites. A transmittal

memo from OPM will be sent to all Federal agency personnel directors via the Human Resources Management Council, announcing the approved forms and where/how to order new stock.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on 202-606-8358 or e-mail at mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before May 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

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Employment Service, ATTN: Rob
Timmins, 1900 E Street NW., Room
1425, Washington, DC 20415-9820
and

Office of Management & Budget, Office
of Information & Regulatory Affairs,
ATTN: Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk
Officer, New Executive Office
Building, NW., Room 10235,
Washington, DC 20503

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,
Acting Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Extension: Form 1, Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2, Rule 6a-3; SEC File No. 270-18; SEC File No. 270-15; OMB Control No. 3235-0017; OMB Control No. 3235-0021]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

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 collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") sets forth a regulatory scheme for national securities exchanges. Rule 6a-1 under the Act¹ generally requires an applicant, for initial registration as a national securities exchange, to file an application with the Commission on Form 1. An exchange that seeks an

exemption from registration based on limited trading volume also must apply for such exemption on Form 1. Rule 6a-2 under the Act² requires registered and exempt exchanges: (1) To amend the Form 1 if there are any material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1; and (2) to submit periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1, whether such information has changed or not. The information required pursuant to Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2 is necessary to enable the Commission to maintain accurate files regarding the exchange and to exercise its statutory oversight functions. Without the information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a-1 of Form 1, the Commission would not be able to determine whether the respondent met the criteria for registration or exemption set forth in Sections 6 and 19 of the Act. Without the amendments and periodic updates of information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a-2, the Commission would have substantial difficulty determining whether a national securities exchange or exempt exchange was continuing to operate in compliance with the Act.

The respondents to the collection of information are entities that seek registration as a national securities exchange or that seek exemption from registration based on limited trading volume. After the initial filing of Form 1, both registered and exempt exchanges are subject to ongoing informational requirements.

Initial filings on Form 1 by new exchanges are made on a one-time basis. The Commission estimates that it will receive approximately three initial Form 1 filings per year and that each respondent would incur an average burden of 47 hours to file an initial Form 1 at an average cost per response of approximately \$4517. Therefore, the Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file the initial Form 1 would be 141 hours (one response/respondent x three respondents x 47 hours/response) and \$13,551 (one response/respondent x three respondents x \$4517/response).

There currently are nine entities registered as national securities exchanges and two exempt exchanges. The Commission estimates that each registered or exempt exchange files one amendment or periodic update to Form 1 per year, incurring an average burden of 25 hours to comply with Rule 6a-2. The Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file amendments and periodic updates to the Form 1 pursuant to Rule 6a-2 is 275

¹ 17 CFR 240.6a-1

² 17 CFR 240.6a-2.