

model QDROs in PBGC's booklet will be 1/4 hour of the alternate payee's time and \$533 in professional fees if the alternate payee hires an attorney or other professional to prepare the QDRO, or 10 hours of the alternate payee's time if the alternate payee prepares the QDRO without hiring an attorney or other professional; and that the total annual burden will be 234 hours and \$350,800.

The PBGC is updating the model QDROs and accompanying guidance. In particular, the revised booklet will reflect that, since the last approval, the PBGC has amended its regulations to make changes in how it pays benefits, including giving participants more choices of annuity benefit forms.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Issued in Washington, DC this 16th day of July, 2003.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions, granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Grade, Acting Director,

Washington Services Branch, Center for Talent Services, Division for Human Products and Services, (202) 606-5027.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedule A, B and C between May 1, 2003 and May 31, 2003. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

Schedule A

No Schedule A's for May 2003.

Schedule B

No Schedule B's for May 2003.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during May 2003:

Department of Agriculture

Director for Tobacco Programs to the Deputy Administrator. Effective May 7, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective May 15, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 16, 2003.

Department of Commerce

Special Assistant to the Director for the Executive Secretariat. Effective May 9, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Director for the Executive Secretariat. Effective May 16, 2003.

Speechwriter to the Director for Speechwriting. Effective May 27, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 30, 2003.

Senior Counsel to the Under Secretary for Intellectual Property and Director for U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Effective May 30, 2003.

Department of Defense

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Defense (Special Plans and Near East/South Asian Affairs). Effective May 2, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Defense (Special Plans and Near East/South Asian Affairs). Effective May 7, 2003.

Administrative Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective May 7, 2003.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective May 7, 2003.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy

Secretary for Defense. Effective May 27, 2003.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 6, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant (Executive Assistant). Effective May 19, 2003.

Director for White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 23, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective May 27, 2003.

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs. Effective May 2, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Scheduling and Advance. Effective May 5, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs. Effective May 7, 2003.

Congressional Relations Specialist to the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration. Effective May 9, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs. Effective May 9, 2003.

Director for Climate Change Policy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for National Energy Policy. Effective May 30, 2003.

Department of Health and Human Services

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 13, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Aging (Commissioner for Aging). Effective May 14, 2003.

Department of Homeland Security Agency

Deputy Press Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective May 5, 2003.

Associate Executive Secretary (External Coordination) to the Executive Secretary. Effective May 9, 2003.

Deputy White House Liaison to the White House Liaison. Effective May 13, 2003.

Executive Assistant to the Executive Director for Homeland Security Advisory Council. Effective May 16, 2003.

Advance Representative to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations). Effective May 28, 2003.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional\Intergovernmental Relations. Effective May 13, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Director for Executive Scheduling and Operations. Effective May 15, 2003.

Legislative Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective May 22, 2003.

Department of Justice

Attorney Advisor (Special Assistant) to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division. Effective May 19, 2003.

Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General (Civil Division). Effective May 19, 2003.

Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General (Legal Policy). Effective May 19, 2003.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Executive Assistant to the Secretary. Effective May 8, 2003.

Regional Representative to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 13, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards. Effective May 22, 2003.

Department of the Navy (DOD)

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. Effective May 7, 2003.

Department of State

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Management. Effective May 6, 2003.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Effective May 7, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. Effective May 13, 2003.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for East Indian and Pacific Affairs. Effective May 16, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs. Effective May 16, 2003.

Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 28, 2003.

Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for International Organizational Affairs. Effective May 28, 2003.

Department of Transportation

Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs. Effective May 2, 2003.

Department of the Treasury

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget. Effective May 19, 2003.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Chief Human Capital Officer. Effective May 28, 2003.

Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

Confidential Assistant to the Chairman. Effective May 22, 2003.

National Endowment for the Arts

General Counsel to the Chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts. Effective May 14, 2003.

National Transportation Safety Board

Special Assistant to the Vice Chairman. Effective May 5, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Vice Chairman. Effective May 5, 2003.

Office of Management and Budget

Public Affairs Specialist to the Associate Director for Communications. Effective May 13, 2003.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Associate Deputy Director to the Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs. Effective May 22, 2003.

Office of Personnel Management

Special Assistant to the Director for Communications. Effective May 15, 2003.

Confidential Assistant to the Director for Congressional Affairs. Effective May 23, 2003.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Managing Executive for External Affairs to the Chairman of Security and Exchange Commission. Effective May 2, 2003.

Small Business Administration

Director of Intergovernmental Affairs to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective May 13, 2003.

Director, Executive Secretariat to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 28, 2003.

United States Tax Court

Secretary (Confidential Assistant) to a Chief Judge. Effective May 14, 2003.

Secretary (Confidential Assistant) to a Judge. Effective May 20, 2003.

Secretary (Confidential Assistant) to a Chief Judge. Effective May 20, 2003.

Secretary (Confidential Assistant) to a Chief Judge. Effective May 30, 2003.

United States Trade and Development Agency

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director. Effective May 19, 2003.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 26100; 812-12833]

PBHG Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

July 15, 2003.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under (a) section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") granting an exemption from sections 18(f) and 21(b) of the Act; (b) section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act granting an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act; (c) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act granting an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act; and (d) section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION:

Applicants request an order that would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility.

APPLICANTS: PBHG Funds, PBHG Insurance Series Fund (collectively, the "Trusts"), and Pilgrim Baxter & Associates, Ltd. ("PBA").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on April 16, 2002, and amended on July 10, 2003. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on August 11, 2003, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request