

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (May 13, 1995), imposes certain requirements on federal agencies (including the Commission) in connection with their conducting or sponsoring any collection of information as defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act. While this rule has no burden, the group of rules (3038-0005) of which this is a part has the following burden:

Average Burden Hours per Response: 124.75.

Number of Respondents: 4,654.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Copies of the OMB approved information collection package associated with this rule may be obtained from: Desk Officer, CFTC, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, NEOB Washington DC 20503, (202) 395-7340.

C. List of Subjects in 17 CFR Part 4

Commodity futures, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Filings.

In consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority contained in the Commodity Exchange Act, and in particular sections 2(a)(1), 4b, 4c, 4l, 4m, 4n, 4o, and 8a, 7 U.S.C. 2, 6b, 6c, 6l, 6m, 6n, 6o, and 12a, the Commission hereby amends Chapter I of Title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 4—COMMODITY POOL OPERATORS AND COMMODITY TRADING ADVISORS

Subpart A—General Provisions, Definitions and Exemptions

1. The authority citation for part 4 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1a, 2, 4, 6b, 6c, 6l, 6m, 6n, 6o, 12a and 23.

2. Section 4.2 paragraph (a) is to be revised to read as follows:

§ 4.2 Requirements as to filing.

(a) All material filed with the Commission under this part 4 must be filed with the Commission at its Washington, DC office (Att: Special Counsel, Front Office Audit Unit, Division of Trading and Markets, C.F.T.C., Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581; Provided, however, that Disclosure Documents and amendments thereto may be filed at an electronic mail address for the Commission, as specified by the Commission.

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Subpart B—Commodity Pool Operators

3. Section 4.26 paragraph (d) is to be revised to read as follows:

§ 4.26 Use, amendment and filing of Disclosure Document.

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(d) Except as provided by § 4.8:

(1) The commodity pool operator must file with the Commission two copies of the Disclosure Document for each pool that it operates or that it intends to operate not less than 21 calendar days prior to the date the pool operator first intends to deliver the Document to a prospective participant in the pool; Provided, however, that a pool operator electing to file electronically pursuant to § 4.2(a) may file a single copy of the Disclosure Document by that method; and

(2) The commodity pool operator must file with the Commission two copies of the subsequent amendments to the Disclosure Document for each pool that it operates or that it intends to operate within 21 calendar days of the date upon which the pool operator first knows or has reason to know of the defect requiring the amendment; Provided, however, that a pool operator electing to file electronically pursuant to § 4.2(a) may file a single copy of each such amendment by that method.

Subpart C—Commodity Trading Advisors

4. Section 4.36 paragraph (d) is to be revised to read as follows:

§ 4.36 Use, amendment and filing of Disclosure Document.

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(d) (1) The trading advisor must file with the Commission two copies of the Disclosure Documents for each trading program that it offers or that it intends to offer not less than 21 calendar days prior to the date the trading advisor first intends to deliver the Document to a prospective client in the trading program; Provided, however, that a trading advisor electing to file electronically pursuant to § 4.2(a) may file a single copy of the Disclosure Document by that method.

(2) The commodity trading advisor must file with the Commission two copies of all subsequent amendments to the Disclosure Document for each trading program that it offers or that it intends to offer within 21 calendar days of the date upon which the trading advisor first knows or has reason to know of the defect requiring the amendment; *Provided, however,* that a trading advisor electing to file

electronically pursuant to § 4.2(a) may file a single copy of each such amendment by that method.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 9, 1997, by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

29 CFR Part 4044

Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans prescribes interest assumptions for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans. This final rule amends the regulation to adopt interest assumptions for plans with valuation dates in May 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024 (202-326-4179 for TTY and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PBGC's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044) prescribes actuarial assumptions for valuing plan benefits of terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Among the actuarial assumptions prescribed in part 4044 are interest assumptions. These interest assumptions are intended to reflect current conditions in the financial and annuity markets.

Two sets of interest assumptions are prescribed, one set for the valuation of benefits to be paid as annuities and one set for the valuation of benefits to be paid as lump sums. This amendment adds to appendix B to part 4044 the annuity and lump sum interest assumptions for valuing benefits in plans with valuation dates during May 1997.

For annuity benefits, the interest assumptions will be 6.30 percent for the first 25 years following the valuation

date and 5.00 percent thereafter. The annuity interest assumptions represent an increase (from those in effect for April 1997) of 0.20 percent for the first 25 years following the valuation date and are otherwise unchanged. For benefits to be paid as lump sums, the interest assumptions to be used by the PBGC will be 5.00 percent for the period during which a benefit is in pay status, 4.25 percent during the seven-year period directly preceding the benefit's placement in pay status, and 4.00 percent during any other years preceding the benefit's placement in pay status. The lump sum interest assumptions represent an increase (from those in effect for April 1997) of 0.25 percent for the period during which a benefit is in pay status and for the seven years directly preceding that period; they are otherwise unchanged.

The PBGC has determined that notice and public comment on this amendment

are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This finding is based on the need to determine and issue new interest assumptions promptly so that the assumptions can reflect, as accurately as possible, current market conditions.

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the valuation of benefits in plans with valuation dates during May 1997, the PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

The PBGC has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 4044

Pension insurance, Pensions.

In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR part 4044 is amended as follows:

PART 4044—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

2. In appendix B, a new entry is added to Table I, and Rate Set 43 is added to Table II, as set forth below. The introductory text of each table is republished for the convenience of the reader and remains unchanged.

Appendix B to Part 4044—Interest Rates Used to Value Annuities and Lump Sums

TABLE I—ANNUITY VALUATIONS

[This table sets forth, for each indicated calendar month, the interest rates (denoted by i_1, i_2, i_3 , and referred to generally as i_t) assumed to be in effect between specified anniversaries of a valuation date that occurs within that calendar month; those anniversaries are specified in the columns adjacent to the rates. The last listed rate is assumed to be in effect after the last listed anniversary date.]

| For valuation dates occurring in the month— | The values of i_t are: | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| | i_t | for t = | i_t | for t = | i_t | for t = |
| * * * * | | * | | * | | * |
| May 1997 | .0630 | 1–25 | .0500 | >25 | N/A | N/A |

TABLE II—LUMP SUM VALUATIONS

[In using this table: (1) For benefits for which the participant or beneficiary is entitled to be in pay status on the valuation date, the immediate annuity rate shall apply; (2) For benefits for which the deferral period is y years (where y is an integer and $0 < y \leq n_1$), interest rate i_1 shall apply from the valuation date for a period of y years, and thereafter the immediate annuity rate shall apply; (3) For benefits for which the deferral period is y years (where y is an integer and $n_1 < y \leq n_1 + n_2$), interest rate i_2 shall apply from the valuation date for a period of $y - n_1$ years, interest rate i_1 shall apply for the following n_1 years, and thereafter the immediate annuity rate shall apply; (4) For benefits for which the deferral period is y years (where y is an integer and $y > n_1 + n_2$), interest rate i_3 shall apply from the valuation date for a period of $y - n_1 - n_2$ years, interest rate i_2 shall apply for the following n_2 years, interest rate i_1 shall apply for the following n_1 years, and thereafter the immediate annuity rate shall apply.]

| Rate set | For plans with a valuation date | | Immediate annuity rate (percent) | Deferred annuities (percent) | | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | On or after | Before | | i_1 | i_2 | i_3 | n_1 | n_2 |
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| 43 | 05–1–97 | 06–1–97 | 5.00 | 4.25 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 7 | 8 |

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John Seal,
Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 756

[NA–003–FOR]

Navajo Nation Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; approval of amendment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is approving a proposed amendment to the Navajo Nation abandoned mine land reclamation (AMLR) plan (hereinafter, the "Navajo Nation plan") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The Navajo Nation proposed revisions to, additions of, or deletions of rules