

free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Variable-Rate Premiums

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the "required interest rate") in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 100 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year"). (Although the Treasury Department has ceased issuing 30-year securities, the Internal Revenue Service announces a surrogate yield figure each month—based on the 30-year Treasury bond maturing in February 2031—which the PBGC uses to determine the required interest rate.)

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in June 2002 is 5.65 percent.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between July 2001 and June 2002.

For premium payment years beginning in—	the required interest rate is—
July 2001	4.82
August 2001	4.77
September 2001	4.66
October 2001	4.66
November 2001	4.52
December 2001	4.35
January 2002	5.48
February 2002	5.45
March 2002	5.40
April 2002	5.71
May 2002	5.68
June 2002	5.65

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 July 2002 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.

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Steven A. Kandarian,
Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[SF 3102]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection

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 has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. SF 3102, Designation of Beneficiary—(FERS), is used by an employee or an annuitant covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to designate a beneficiary to receive any lump sum due in the event of his/her death.

Approximately 2,037 SF 3102 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 509.25 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at (202) 606-8358, FAX 202-418-3251 or via email at mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Lawrence P. Holman, Acting Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415, and

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

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Desktop

Publishing and Printing Team, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Revised Information Collection: OPM Form 1203-AW, Occupational Questionnaire OPM Form 1203-AW, OPM Form 1203-FX, Occupational Questionnaire OPM Form 1203-FX, and OPM Form 1203-EZ, Occupational Questionnaire OPM Form 1203-EZ

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) submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection for Occupational Questionnaire (OPM Forms 1203-AW, 1203-FX and 1203-EZ). The Occupational Questionnaire is an optical scan form designed to collect applicant information and qualifications in a format suitable for automated processing and to create applicant records for an automated examining system. Each version of this form contains a unique scan form identifier in the upper left-hand corner for the scanning equipment to recognize which version is being used. The 1203 series was commonly referred to as the Qualifications and Availability Form C. OPM has re-titled the series as Occupational Questionnaire, to fit a more generic need. OPM uses these forms to carry out its responsibility for open competitive examining for admission to the competitive service in accordance with section 3304, of title 5, United States Code.

OPM Form 1203-AW is a scan form that contains a unique control number pre-printed within the footer of the form that is scanned in along with the applicant's information. It is OPM's intention to phase out this version of the Occupational Questionnaire during fiscal year 2002. Applicants will be asked to use OPM Form 1203-FX or 1203-EZ in its place. OPM will

officially cancel Form 1203-AW at that time.

OPM Form 1203-FX is a seven page version of the Occupational Questionnaire that allows the applicant to transmit via facsimile. This version does not contain a unique control number pre-printed within the footer of the form. However, this revised version will be phased in to allow continued acceptance of the existing version dated October 1998, making the existing version still usable. (See the comments identified below for what changes were made.)

OPM Form 1203-EZ is a three page version that is shorter and is transmittable via facsimile. This version does not contain a unique control number pre-printed within the footer of the form.

A comment request for these forms was published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2001 [FR Doc. 01-19551]. During the initial 60-day comment request period, OPM received no comments.

OPM has revised the Occupational Questionnaire to include the following: (1) Updated the Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements; (2) slightly re-designed the forms for scanning technology; (3) improved the sections that allow overseas applicants to enter foreign addresses and phone numbers; (4) removed the requirement for the applicant to sign and date (since this is a scan form that only recognizes certain characters written in blocks and filled-in bubbles); (5) added "Date of Birth" to all versions; (6) updated the Veterans' Preference section; and (7) changed the title of this series from "Qualifications and Availability Form" (commonly referred as the "Form C") to "Occupational Questionnaire".

Upon clearance from the Office of Management and Budget, the Occupational Questionnaire will be available via OPM's web site and OPM's USAJOBS web site. The form will be made available electronically as a fillable Adobe Acrobat Reader (.PDF) file and fillable on-line when applying on OPM's USAJOBS web site (when applicable). A transmittal memo from OPM will be sent to all Federal agency personnel directors via the Human Resources Management Council, announcing the approved, revised form and where/how to obtain it.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on 202-606-8358, fax at 202-418-3251, or e-mail at mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Employment Service, ATTN: Rob Timmins, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 1425, Washington, DC 20415-9820, E-mail: ratimmin@opm.gov, 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.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,
Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to a New Trade Report Modifier to be Attached to Trades Whose Prices Exceed Certain Parameters

June 10, 2002.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 29, 2002, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its subsidiary, the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq is proposing to create a new trade report modifier to be attached to trades whose prices exceed certain parameters. Under the proposed rule change, members would not have the ability to append this modifier to trade reports. Nasdaq proposes that only Nasdaq staff and Nasdaq systems would append this modifier, and only for transactions in Nasdaq National Market

System, SmallCap Market, and OTC Bulletin Board securities.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Trades reported to Nasdaq using the Automated Confirmation Transaction ("ACT") Service are subject to procedures that identify trades executed at prices away from the current market. This process helps to ensure a fair and orderly market by preventing such trades from being disseminated to the public as last sale reports and/or by detecting trades that are reported at erroneous prices.

The process differs slightly depending on whether a trade is executed using a Nasdaq system, which then automatically reports the trade to ACT (e.g., SelectNet), or the trade is submitted to ACT directly by a member. ACT rejects a trade that is submitted directly by a member if the price reported is outside established parameters. The member has an opportunity to resubmit the trade, which then will be subject to a different set of parameters. If the price is rejected after this second process, the member must call Nasdaq's MarketWatch Department to explain why the execution price was so far away from the current market. If the MarketWatch staff determines, on the basis of its conversation with the member, that there is an adequate rationale for such price, the staff would submit the trade to ACT.³ In such circumstances, the trade is normally being reported more than 90 seconds after the trade was

³ If the MarketWatch staff believes the price would be misleading to the market, the trade report would be submitted for clearing purposes only. Nasdaq believes that the number of instances in which the staff submits the report only for clearing purposes is very limited. The staff estimates that this occurs less than 10 times a year. In addition, the staff can refer the transaction to NASD Regulation for further investigation.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.