

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-76. This provision addresses the submission of challenges by interested parties to inventories of the commercial and inherently governmental activities performed by agency personnel.

Paragraph D.2. of Attachment A states, among other things, that an inventory challenge shall be limited to "(a) the reclassification of an activity as inherently governmental or commercial, or (b) the application of reason codes." With respect to clause (a), OMB intends to permit interested parties to challenge the inclusion of an activity on, or exclusion of an activity from, an agency inventory, regardless of whether the activity's classification as commercial or inherently governmental has changed from the prior year or has remained the same. Accordingly, as was the case under the Circular in effect prior to the May 29th revisions, challenges may address classifications or reclassifications of activities as either commercial or inherently governmental.

The attached technical correction to Paragraph D.2. is meant to avoid confusion and ensure OMB's intent is clear regarding the ability of an interested party to challenge the inclusion or exclusion of an activity. No other changes are made to Paragraph D.2 by this memorandum.

Questions regarding this technical clarification may be addressed to Mathew Blum of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy at (202) 395-4953.

Technical Correction to OMB Circular No. A-76 (Revised, May 29, 2003)

1. Paragraph D.2. of Attachment A to Circular No. A-76 is revised to read as follows:

2. Submission of an Inventory Challenge. After publication of OMB's Federal Register notice stating that an agency's inventories are available, an interested party shall have 30 working days to submit a written inventory challenge. The inventory challenge shall be limited to (a) the classification of an activity as inherently governmental or commercial, or (b) the application of reason codes. Function codes shall not be subject to the inventory challenge process. A written inventory challenge shall be submitted to agency inventory challenge authorities and shall specify the agency, agency component, agency organization, function(s), and location(s) for the activities being challenged.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

DATES: The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in August 2003. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in September 2003.

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. TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-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 August 2003 is 4.93 percent.

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between September 2002 and August 2003.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
September 2002	5.08
October 2002	4.76
November 2002	4.93
December 2002	4.96
January 2003	4.92
February 2003	4.94
March 2003	4.81
April 2003	4.80
May 2003	4.90
June 2003	4.53
July 2003	4.37
August 2003	4.93

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 September 2003 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published September 2003 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4004 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 7th day of August 2003.

Joseph H. Grant,
Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Salary Council

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Salary Council will meet at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee

organizations and experts in the fields of labor relations or pay policy. The Council makes recommendations to the President's Pay Agent (the Secretary of Labor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management) about the locality pay program for General Schedule employees under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code. The Council's recommendations cover the establishment or modification of locality pay areas, the coverage of salary surveys, the process of comparing Federal and non-Federal rates of pay, and the level of comparability payments that should be paid.

At this meeting, the Council will consider whether any changes should be recommended in locality pay area boundaries and may also consider which geographic locations should be surveyed for locality pay purposes and other aspects of the locality pay program. The Council will review the new metropolitan statistical areas announced by the Office of Management and Budget in June 2003, new commuting pattern data, and other information related to establishing or modifying locality pay area boundaries. The Council will meet again later this fall to continue this review and formulate its recommendations for locality pay areas, methodology, and rates for 2005. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: September 3, 2003, at 1 p.m.

Location: Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 5303 (Pendleton Room), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Winstead, Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Performance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H31, Washington, DC 20415-8200. Phone (202) 606-2838; FAX (202) 606-0824; or e-mail at pay-performance-policy@opm.gov.

For the President's Pay Agent

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

NAME OF AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, August 20, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Commission conference room, 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Decision in Docket No. MC2003-2, Experimental Parcel Return Services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, Suite 300, 1333 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20268-0001, 202-789-6820.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting

Governors Vote To Close August 11, 2003, Meeting

By telephone vote on August 11, 2003, a majority of the Governors contacted and voting, the Governors voted to close to public observation a meeting held via teleconference. The Governors determined that prior public notice was not possible.

ITEM CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

GENERAL COUNSEL CERTIFICATION:

The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, William T. Johnstone, at (202) 268-4800.

William T. Johnstone,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information of the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s): (1)
Collection title: Application for Spouse

Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-3, AA-3cert.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0042.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 10/31/2003.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 8,500.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 8,500.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 4,297.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Act provides for the payment of annuities to spouses of railroad retirement annuitants who meet the requirements under the Act. The application obtains information supporting the claim for benefits based on being a spouse of an annuitant. The information is used for determining entitlement to and amount of the annuity applied for.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Form F-3; OMB Control No. 3235-0256;

SEC File No. 270-251

Form F-7; OMB Control No. 3235-0383;

SEC File No. 270-331

Form F-8; OMB Control No. 3235-0378;

SEC File No. 270-332

Schedule 14D-1F; OMB Control No. 3235-

0376; SEC File No. 270-338

Schedule 14D-9F; OMB Control No. 3235-

0382; SEC File No. 270-339