

beginning in August 2005 is 4.56 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 5.37 percent composite corporate bond rate

for July 2005 as determined by the Treasury).
The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining

variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between September 2004 and August 2005.

For premium payment years beginning in:	The required interest rate is:
September 2004	4.95
October 2004	4.79
November 2004	4.73
December 2004	4.75
January 2005	4.73
February 2005	4.66
March 2005	4.56
April 2005	4.78
May 2005	4.72
June 2005	4.60
July 2005	4.47
August 2005	4.56

Mult employer 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 2005 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 8th day of August, 2005.

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Deputy Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: OPM 2809

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. OPM 2809, Health Benefits Election Form, is used

by annuitants and former spouses to elect, cancel, suspend or change health benefits enrollment during periods other than open season.

There are approximately 30,000 changes to health benefits coverage per year. Of these, 20,000 are submitted on OPM Form 2809 and 10,000 verbally or in written correspondence. Each form takes approximately 45 minutes to complete; data collection by telephone or mail takes approximately 10 minutes. The annual burden for the form is 15,000 hours; the burden not using the form is 1,667 hours. The total burden is 16,667 hours.

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

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Pamela Israel, Chief, Operations Support Group, Retirement Services Program, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415; and Brenda Aguilar, 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 FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, Administrative Services Branch, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Linda M. Springer,

Director.

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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 to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Student Beneficiary Monitoring.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-315, G-315A, G-315A.1.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0123.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 01/31/2007.
- (5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, non-profit institutions.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 900.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 900.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 217.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under the

Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), a student benefit is not payable if the student ceases full-time school attendance, marries, works in the railroad industry, has excessive earnings or attains the upper age limit under the RRA. The report obtains information to be used in determining if benefits should cease or be reduced.

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

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to

Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 or Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV 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.

Charles Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-28014]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

August 9, 2005.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission under provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference. Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by September 5, 2005, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After September 5, 2005, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Energy East Corporation, et al. (70-10298)

Energy East Corporation ("Energy East"), P.O. Box 12904, Albany, New York, 12212, a registered holding company under the Act and its direct and indirect subsidiaries listed below (collectively, "Applicants"), have filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), 12(c), 13(b), 32 and 33 of the Act and rules 45, 46, 54, and 80-92 under the Act. The other Applicants are: (1) Energy East Enterprises, Inc. ("Energy East Enterprises"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy East and a public utility holding company exempt from registration by order of the Commission under section 3(a)(1) of the Act and Energy East Enterprises' subsidiaries Maine Natural Gas Corporation ("Maine Natural Gas") and Energy East Capital Trust 1, each at P.O. Box 12904, Albany, New York, 12212; (2) RGS Energy Group, Inc., ("RGS") a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy East and a public utility holding company exempt from registration by order of the Commission under section 3(a)(1) of the Act and RGS Energy's gas and electric utility subsidiaries New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation ("RG&E), each of 89 East Avenue, Rochester, New York, 14649; (3) CMP Group, Inc. ("CMP Group"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy East and a public utility holding company exempt from registration by order of the Commission under section 3(a)(1) of the Act and CMP's subsidiaries Central Maine Power Company ("Central Maine"), a public utility holding company exempt from registration by order of the Commission under section 3(a)(1) of the Act and Maine Electric Power Company, Inc. ("MEPCo"), a majority owned electric utility subsidiary, each of 83 Edison Drive, Augusta Maine 04336; (4) NORVARCO, a wholly owned subsidiary of Central Maine Power Company of 83 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine, 04336; (5) Connecticut Energy Corporation ("Connecticut Energy"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy East and a public utility holding company exempt from registration by order of the Commission under section 3(a)(1) of the Act and Connecticut Energy's subsidiary The Southern Connecticut Gas Company ("Southern Connecticut Gas"), each of 855 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 06604; (6) CTG Resources, Inc. ("CTG"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy East and a public utility holding company exempt from registration by order of the Commission under section 3(a)(1) of the Act and CTG's subsidiary Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation ("Connecticut Natural Gas"), each of 10 State House Square, Hartford, Connecticut, 06144; and (7) Berkshire Energy Resources ("Berkshire Energy"), a wholly owned

subsidiary of Energy East and a public utility holding company exempt from registration by order of the Commission under section 3(a)(1) of the Act; and Berkshire Energy's subsidiary The Berkshire Gas Company ("Berkshire Gas"), each of 115 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, 01201.

I. Introduction

A. Authorization Period

Applicants seek authorization under the Act to engage in various financing transactions discussed below through September 30, 2008 ("Authorization Period") and to retain certain Intermediate Holding Companies, as defined below.¹ However, Applicants request that any Commission order granting the requests made in the Application not impose any obligation or requirement on the Applicants that survives the effective date of repeal of the Act.

B. Description of Energy East and Its Subsidiaries

1. Energy East

Energy East is currently a registered public utility holding company, and directly neither owns nor operates any physical properties.² Through its subsidiaries (which includes all of Energy East's Utility Subsidiaries, the Intermediate Holding Companies and the Non-utility Subsidiaries, as defined below), Energy East is an energy services and delivery company with operations in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire serving approximately 1.8 million electricity customers and 900,000 natural gas customers.

2. Public Utility Operations

Energy East holds direct or indirect interests in nine public utility companies (collectively, "Utility Subsidiaries"), each of which is wholly owned by companies within the Energy East system unless otherwise noted:

¹ Energy East currently has authority to engage in various financing transactions through September 30, 2005. See Holding Company Act Release No. 27228 (Sept. 12, 2000); Holding Company Act Release No. 27643 (Jan. 28, 2003); and Holding Company Act Release No. 27794.

² Pursuant to Commission order dated March 4, 1998 (HCAR No. 25-26834), Energy East became the parent of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation. Pursuant to Commission order dated February 2, 2000 (HCAR No. 35-27128), Energy East became the parent of Connecticut Energy Corporation. Pursuant to Commission order dated August 31, 2000 (HCAR 35-27224), Energy East became the parent of CMP Group, Inc., CTG Resources, Inc. and Berkshire Energy Resources. Pursuant to Commission order dated June 27, 2002 (HCAR No. 35-27546), Energy East became the parent of RGS Energy Group, Inc.