SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC’s) Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) is announcing the availability of NUREG–1814, Revision 2, “Status of Decommissioning Program—2008 Annual Report.” This NUREG provides a comprehensive overview of the NRC’s decommissioning program. Its purpose is to provide a stand-alone reference document, which describes the decommissioning process and summarizes the current status of all decommissioning activities including the decommissioning of complex decommissioning sites, commercial reactors, research and test reactors, uranium mill tailings facilities, and fuel cycle facilities. In addition, this report discusses accomplishments in the decommissioning program since publication of the 2007 Annual Report (SECY–07–0209); identifies the key decommissioning program issues, which the staff will address in fiscal year 2009; and provides information Agreement States have supplied on decommissioning in their States.

ADDRESSES: NUREG–1814, Revision 2, is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission’s Public Document Room, U.S. NRC’s Headquarters Building, 11555 Rockville Pike (First Floor), Rockville, Maryland. The Public Document Room is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. NUREG–1814, Revision 2, also is available electronically from the ADAMS Electronic Reading Room on the NRC Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html, and on the NRC Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collection.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Chang, Mail Stop: T–8F5, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Telephone: (301) 415–7188; Internet: richard.chang@nrc.gov.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that this action is not a rule and has verified this determination with the NRC’s Office of the General Counsel.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 23 day of February, 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Pendency of Request for Approval of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules; Service Employees International Union Local 1 Pension Trust Fund

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of pendency of request.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (‘‘PBGC’’) has received a request from the Service Employees International Union Local 1 Pension Trust Fund for approval of a plan amendment providing for special withdrawal liability rules. Under section 4203(f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the PBGC’s regulation on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules, a multiemployer pension plan may, with PBGC approval, be amended to provide for special withdrawal liability rules similar to those that apply to the construction and entertainment industries. Such approval is granted only if the PBGC determines that the plan amendment will be used in an industry with characteristics that would make use of the special rules appropriate and that the plan amendment would not pose a significant risk to the PBGC. This notice advises interested persons of the pendency of this request and invites public comment.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by April 16, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the Chief Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026; delivered to Suite 340 at the above address. Comments also may be submitted electronically through the PBGC’s Web site at http://reg.comments@pbgc.gov or by fax to 202–326–4112. Copies of the request for approval and any comments may be obtained by writing to the PBGC’s Communications and Public Affairs Department at Suite 1200 at the above address or by visiting that office or calling 202–326–4040 during normal business hours. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4020.) Copies of the PBGC’s regulation on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR part 4203) and of the originating request for approval may be accessed through the PBGC’s Web site (http://www.pbgc.gov).


SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Background

Under section 4203(a) of ERISA, a complete withdrawal from a multiemployer plan generally occurs when an employer permanently ceases to have an obligation to contribute under the plan or permanently ceases all covered operations under the plan. Under section 4205 of ERISA, a partial withdrawal generally occurs when an employer (1) reduces its contribution base units by seventy percent in each of three consecutive years, or (2) permanently ceases to have an obligation to contribute under one or more but fewer than all collective bargaining agreements under which the employer has been obligated to contribute under the plan, while either continuing to perform work in the jurisdiction of the collective bargaining agreement of the type for which contributions were previously required or transferring such work to another location or to an entity or entities owned or controlled by the employer, or (3) permanently ceases to have an obligation to contribute under the plan for work performed at one or more but fewer than all of its facilities, while continuing to perform work at the facility of the type for which the obligation to contribute ceased.

Although the general rules on complete and partial withdrawal are based on events that normally result in a diminution of the plan’s contribution base, Congress recognized that, in certain industries under certain circumstances, a complete or partial cessation of the obligation to contribute
does not normally weaken the plan’s contribution base. For that reason, Congress established special withdrawal rules for the construction and entertainment industries.

For construction industry plans and employers, section 4203(b)(2) of ERISA provides that a complete withdrawal occurs only if an employer ceases to have an obligation to contribute under a plan, and the employer either continues to perform previously covered work in the jurisdiction of the collective bargaining agreement or resumes such work within five years without renewing the obligation to contribute at the time of resumption. Section 4203(c)(1) of ERISA applies the same special definition of complete withdrawal to the entertainment industry, except that the pertinent jurisdiction is the jurisdiction of the plan rather than the jurisdiction of the collective bargaining agreement. In contrast, the general definition of complete withdrawal in section 4203(a) of ERISA defines a withdrawal to include a cessation of the obligation to contribute regardless of the continued activities of the withdrawn employer.

Congress also established special partial withdrawal liability rules for the construction and entertainment industries. Under section 4208(d)(1) of ERISA, “[a]n employer to whom section 4203(b) (relating to the building and construction industry) applies is liable for a partial withdrawal only if the employer’s obligation to contribute under the plan is continued for no more than an insubstantial portion of its work in the craft and area jurisdiction of the collective bargaining agreement of the type for which contributions are required.” Under section 4208(d)(2) of ERISA, “[a]n employer to whom section 4203(c) (relating to the entertainment industry) applies shall have no liability for a partial withdrawal except under the conditions and to the extent prescribed by the [PBGC] by regulation.”

Section 4203(f) of ERISA provides that the PBGC may prescribe regulations under which plans in other industries may be amended to provide for special withdrawal liability rules similar to the rules prescribed in section 4203(b) and (c) of ERISA. Section 4203(f)(2) of ERISA provides that such regulations shall permit the use of special withdrawal liability rules only in industries (or portions thereof) in which the PBGC determines that the characteristics that would make use of such rules appropriate are clearly shown, and that the use of such rules would not pose a significant risk to the insurance system under Title IV of ERISA. Section 4208(e)(3) of ERISA provides that the PBGC shall prescribe by regulation a procedure by which plans may be amended to adopt special partial withdrawal liability rules upon a finding by the PBGC that the adoption of such rules is consistent with the purposes of Title IV of ERISA.

The PBGC’s regulation, Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR part 4203), prescribes procedures whereby a multiemployer plan may ask PBGC to approve a plan amendment that establishes special complete or partial withdrawal liability rules. The regulation may be accessed on the PBGC’s Web site (http://www.pbgc.gov).

**Request**

The PBGC has received a request from the Service Employees International Union Local 1 Pension Trust Fund (“Local 1 Plan”) for approval of a plan amendment providing for special withdrawal liability rules. A copy of the originating request, and PBGC’s summary of the actuarial reports that the plan provided, may be accessed on the PBGC’s Web site (http://www.pbgc.gov). A copy of the complete filing may be requested from the PBGC Disclosure Officer. The fax number is 202–326–4042. It may also be obtained by writing the Communications and Public Affairs Department, PBGC, 1200 K Street, NW., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005.

In brief, the Local 1 Plan, a multiemployer plan covering the residential building cleaning industry in Chicago, represents that the industry has characteristics similar to those of the construction industry. The plan has adopted an amendment prescribing special withdrawal liability rules, which, if approved by the PBGC, would be effective as of July 1, 2005. Under the proposed amendment, complete withdrawal of an employer would occur only under conditions similar to those described in ERISA section 4203(b)(2), or certain other conditions including a mass withdrawal. Partial withdrawal of an employer would occur only under conditions similar to those described in ERISA section 4208(d)(1). The request includes actuarial data to support the plan’s contention that the amendment will not pose a significant risk to the insurance system under Title IV of ERISA.

**Comments**

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the pending request to the PBGC at the above address by April 16, 2009. All comments will be made a part of the record. Comments received will be available for public inspection at the address set forth above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 17th day of February, 2009.

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Acting Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Tied Hedge Transactions

February 23, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on February 13, 2009, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE” or “Exchange”) 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 the Exchange. 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

The Exchange proposes to adopt Interpretation and Policy .10 to Rule 6.74, *Crossing Orders*, to allow hedging stock, security future or futures contract positions to be represented currently with option facilitations or solicitations in the trading crowd (“tied hedge” orders). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (http://www.cboe.org/Legal), at the Office of the Secretary, CBOE and at the Commission.

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

In its filing with the Commission, CBOE included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change from interested persons.
