comment on the technical issues raised during the meeting. Those wishing to speak are encouraged to sign the Public Comment Register at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks; however, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

Transcripts of this meeting will be available via e-mail, on computer disk, or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning February 18, 1998. For further information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, Virginia 22201–3367; (Tel) 703–235–4473; (Fax) 703–235–4495; (E-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's commercial spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its suitability as a potential location for a permanent repository for the disposal of that waste.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

William Barnard,

Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Notice of Termination for Multiemployer Plans

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (''PBGC'') intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (''OMB'') extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information in its regulation on Notice of Termination for Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR Part 4041A Subpart B) (OMB control number 1212–0020; expires March 31, 1998). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by February 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, suite 340, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026, or delivered to that address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Written comments will be available for public inspection at the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240 at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026, 202–326–4024. (For TTY and TDD, call 800–877–8339 and request connection to 202–326–4024).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4041A(f)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (''ERISA'') gives the PBGC authority to prescribe reporting requirements for terminated multiemployer pension plans covered by Title IV of ERISA.

The PBGC's regulation on Notice of Termination for Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR Part 4041A Subpart B) requires the filing of a notice of termination with the PBGC by a multiemployer plan that has terminated either by plan amendment or by mass withdrawal. The notice must contain certain basic information such as the plan's identity, the date of termination, and the plan's most recent Form 5500. In addition, a plan that has terminated by mass withdrawal must supply certain financial information to enable the PBGC to assess the likelihood of benefit reductions or suspensions under the plan and the need for PBGC financial assistance to the plan. More information is required with respect to mass withdrawal terminations because the risk of plan insolvency is greater in these cases. (The regulation may be accessed on the PBGC's home page at http://www.pbgc.gov.)

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212–0020 through March 31, 1998. The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The PBGC estimates that the total annual hour burden of the regulation is one hour and that the total annual cost burden is $34,125.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 18th day of December, 1997.

David M. Strauss,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (''PBGC'') intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (''OMB'') extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information in its regulation on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR Part 4203) (OMB control number 1212–0023; expires March 31, 1998). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by February 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, suite 340, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026, or delivered to that address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Written

comments will be available for public inspection at the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240 at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026, 202–326–4024. (For TTY and TDD, call 800–877–8339 and request connection to 202–326–4024).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 4203(f) and 4208(e)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (''ERISA'') provide for the PBGC's issuance of regulations under which the PBGC may approve a multiemployer pension plan's adoption of special rules for determining whether a complete or partial withdrawal from the plan has occurred. Section 4203(f) also sets standards for the approval of such special rules.

The PBGC's regulation on Extension of Special Withdrawal Liability Rules (29 CFR Part 4203) requires the plan sponsor of a plan that adopts special rules to submit information about the rules, the plan, and the industry in which the plan operates with its request for PBGC approval of the rules. The PBGC uses that information in determining whether the plan's special withdrawal liability rules meet the requirements of ERISA. (The regulation may be accessed on the PBGC's home page at http://www.pbgc.gov.)

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212–0023 through March 31, 1998. The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The PBGC estimates that the total annual hour burden of the regulation is one hour and that the total annual cost burden is $2,400.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 18th day of December, 1997.

David M. Strauss,

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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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:
Rule 17a–23 SEC File No. 270–387, OMB Control No. 3235–0442

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 17a–23 and Form 17A–23 Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Relating to Broker-Dealer Trading Systems

Rule 17a–23 and Form 17A–23 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1935 establish recordkeeping and reporting requirements for approximately 143 registered broker-dealers that operate certain automated trading systems (''Broker-Dealer Trading System'' or ''BDTS''). Rule 17a–23 requires any registered broker-dealer that sponsors a BDTS to maintain participant, volume, and transaction records. Rule 17a–23 and Form 17A–23 also require system sponsors to submit three reports to the Commission and, under certain circumstances, to an appropriate self-regulatory organization. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission with monitoring broker-dealers that operate BDTSs and with ensuring compliance with Rule 17a–23.

The Commission staff estimates the average number of hours necessary for each BDTS sponsor to comply with Rule 17a–23 is 46 hours annually. The total burden is 6,542 hours annually for the broker-dealers operating BDTSs, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately $7.00. Therefore, the total annual cost of compliance for the 143 broker-dealers operating BDTSs is $46,046.00.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17a–23 is three years following the date of a record or notice prepared pursuant to the rule. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17a–23 is mandatory to assist the Commission with monitoring broker-dealers that operate BDTSs and with ensuring compliance with the rule. Rule 17a–23 does involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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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:
Rule 15c3–3, SEC File No. 270–87, OMB Control No. 3235–0078