SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans to prescribe interest assumptions for valuation dates in the first quarter of 2013. The interest assumptions are used for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans covered by the pension insurance system administered by PBGC. As discussed below, PBGC has published a separate final rule document dealing with interest assumptions under its regulation on Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans for January 2013.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine B. Klion (Klion.Catherine@pbgc.gov), Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, 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.)


The interest assumptions in Appendix B to Part 4044 are used to value benefits for allocation purposes under ERISA section 4044. Assumptions under the asset allocation regulation are updated quarterly and are intended to reflect current conditions in the financial and annuity markets. This final rule updates the asset allocation interest assumptions for the first quarter (January through March) of 2013.

The first quarter 2013 interest assumptions under the allocation regulation will be 2.67 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 3.01 percent thereafter. In comparison with the interest assumptions in effect for the fourth quarter of 2012, these interest assumptions represent no change in the assumptions for the first 20 years following the valuation date, an increase of 0.34 percent in the select rate, and an increase of 0.01 percent in the ultimate rate (the final rate).

PBGC has determined that notice and public comment on this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This finding is based on the need to determine and issue new interest assumptions promptly so that the assumptions can reflect current market conditions as accurately as possible.

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the valuation of benefits under plans with valuation dates during the first quarter of 2013, PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

PBGC has determined that this action is not a “significant regulatory action” under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 4044

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR part 4044 is amended as follows:

PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

1. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

2. In appendix B to part 4044, a new entry for January—March 2013, as set forth below, is added to the table.

**Appendix B to Part 4044—Interest Rates Used to Value Benefits**

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Issued in Washington, DC, on this 18th day of December 2012.

Laricie Blanchard,
Deputy Director for Policy, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100
[Docket Number USCG–2012–1020]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulations; 2013 Orange Bowl Paddle Championship, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a special local regulation on the waters of Biscayne Bay and the Miami River in Miami, FL during the 2013 Orange Bowl Paddle Championship. The event will take place on January 13, 2013 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Approximately 300 kayaks and paddleboards will participate in the event. The special local regulation is necessary to ensure the safety of the participants, participant vessels, and the general public during the event. Non-participant vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of docket USCG–2012–1020. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being
available in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov, type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Lieutenant Junior Grade Mike H. Wu, Sector Miami Prevention Department, Coast Guard; telephone (305) 535–7576, email Mike.H.Wu@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Acronyms

DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

A. Regulatory History and Information

The Coast Guard is issuing this final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because the Coast Guard did not receive necessary event information in regards to the event location until November 20, 2012. Any delay in the effective date of this rule would be contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to minimize potential danger to the race participants, participant vessels, spectators and the general public.

B. Basis and Purpose

The legal basis for this rule is the Coast Guard’s authority to establish special local regulations pursuant to: 33 U.S.C. 1233. The purpose of the rule is to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the 2013 Orange Bowl Paddle Championship.

C. Discussion of the Final Rule

On January 13, 2013, the Orange Bowl Committee is sponsoring the 2013 Orange Bowl Paddle Championship. The event will be held on the waters of Biscayne Bay and the Miami River. Approximately 300 participants on paddle boards will be transiting the Miami River and surrounding areas requiring a controlled environment due to large commercial traffic. The special local regulation will encompass certain waters of Biscayne Bay and the Miami River in Miami, Florida. The special local regulation will be enforced from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on January 13, 2013. The regulated area will encompass all water west of the Intracoastal Waterway from just south of the Port Miami Bridge to just north of the Rickenbacker Causeway Bridge, to include the Miami River up until the Interstate 95 Bridge. Non-participant persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within this regulated area.

Persons and vessels may request authorization to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the regulated area by contacting the Captain of the Port Miami via telephone at (305) 535–4472, or a designated representative via VHF radio on channel 16. If authorization to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the event area is granted by the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative. The Coast Guard will provide notice of the special local regulation by Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and on-scene designated representatives.

D. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on these statutes and executive orders.

1. Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of Executive Order 12866 or under section 1 of Executive Order 13563. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under those Orders. The economic impact of this rule is not significant for the following reasons:

1. The special local regulation will be enforced for a maximum of 4 hours; (2) non-participant persons and vessels may enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the event area if authorized by the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative; (3) non-participant persons and vessels not authorized by the Captain of the Port Miami or designated representative to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the event area may operate in the surrounding area during the enforcement periods; and (4) the Coast Guard will provide advance notification of the special local regulation to the local maritime community by Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

2. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule may affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: The owners or operators of vessels intending to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within that portion of Biscayne Bay and the Miami River encompassed within the special local regulation from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on January 13, 2013. For the reasons discussed in the Regulatory Planning and Review section above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

3. Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, above.
Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

4. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

5. Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism.

6. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

7. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

8. Taking of Private Property

This rule will not cause a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

9. Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

10. Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

11. Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

12. Energy Effects

This action is not a “significant energy action” under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use.

13. Technical Standards

This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

14. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a special local regulation issued in conjunction with a marine event. This rule is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(b) and 35(b) of Figure 2–1 of the Commandant Instruction. An environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination and a Categorical Exclusion Determination are available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233.

2. Add temporary §100.35T07–1020 to read as follows:

§100.35T07–1020 Special Local Regulations; 2013 Orange Bowl Paddle Championship, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL.

(a) Regulated area. The following regulated area is established as a special local regulation: all waters of the Miami River to point 1 in position 25°46’45″ N 80°10’57″ W; thence northwest to point 2 in position 25°46’48″ N 80°11’05″ W; thence southeast to point 3 in position 25°46’46″ N 80°11’10″ W; thence northeast to point 4 in position 25°46’40″ N 80°11’10″ W; thence southeast to point 5 in position 25°46’38″ N 80°11’05″ W; thence northeast to point 6 in position 25°46’45″ N 80°11’01″ W; thence southeast to point 7 in position 25°46’44″ N 80°10’59″ W; thence southwest to point 8 in position 25°46’31″ N 80°11’06″ W; thence south to point 9 in position 25°46’18″ N 80°11’06″ W; thence westward including all waters of the Miami River to point 10 in position 25°46’13″ N 80°11’57″ W; thence eastward including all waters of the Miami River to point 11 in position 25°46’11″ N 80°11’16″ W; thence southwest to point 12 in position 25°45’28″ N 80°11’20″ W; thence southwest to point 13 in position 25°44’54″ N 80°12’06″ W; thence southeast to point 14 in position 25°44’48″ N 80°11’22″ W; thence northeast to point 15 in position 25°46’09″ N 80°10’57″ W; thence northwest to point 16 in position 25°46’22″ N 80°11’01″ W; thence north to point 17 in position 25°46’36″ N 80°11’01″ W; thence northeast back to origin.

(b) Definition. The term “designated representative” means Coast Guard Patrol Commanders, including Coast Guard coxswains, petty officers, and
other officers operating Coast Guard vessels, and Federal, state and local officers designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Miami in the enforcement of the regulated areas.

(c) Regulations. (1) All persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative.

(2) Persons and vessels desiring to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the regulated area may contact the Captain of the Port Miami by telephone at (305) 535–4472, or a designated representative via VHF radio on channel 16, to request authorization. If authorization to enter, transithrough, anchor in, or remain within the regulated areas is granted by the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Miami or a designated representative.

(3) The Coast Guard will provide notice of the regulated areas by Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and on-scene designated representatives.

(d) Enforcement date. This rule will be enforced from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on January 13, 2013.

Dated: December 6, 2012.

C.P. Scraba,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Miami.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2012–1063]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Biscayne Bay, and Miami River, Miami, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Notice of temporary deviations from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued temporary deviations from the regulations governing the operation of the following four bridges in Miami, Florida: The Venetian Causeway Bridge (West), mile 1088.6, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; the Venetian Causeway Bridge (East), across Biscayne Bay; the Miami Avenue Bridge, mile 0.3, across the Miami River; and the Brickell Avenue Bridge, mile 0.1, across the Miami River. The deviations are necessary to allow for race participants to traverse the bridges during the ING Marathon. This deviation will result in the bridges remaining in the closed position during the ING Marathon. Tugs and tugs with tows are not exempt from this deviation.

DATES: These deviations are effective from 6 a.m. through 1 p.m. on January 27, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this temporary deviation, USCG–2012–1063, is available online by going to http://www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–1063 in the “Search” box and then clicking “Search”. The docket is also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Michael Lieberum, Seventh District Bridge Branch, Coast Guard; telephone (305) 415–6744, email Michael.B.Lieberum@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ING Marathon Director has requested temporary modifications to the operating schedules of the Venetian Causeway Bridge (West), the Venetian Causeway Bridge (East), the Brickell Avenue Bridge, and the Miami Avenue Bridge in Miami, Florida. These deviations will result in the bridges remaining in the closed position during the ING Marathon on January 27, 2013. The ING Marathon route passes over these four bridges. Any bridge opening would disrupt the race. The temporary deviations will be in effect from 6 a.m. through 1 p.m. on January 27, 2013.

The vertical clearance, regular operating schedule, and deviation period for each bridge are set forth below.

1. Venetian Causeway Bridge (West), mile 1088.6. The vertical clearance of the Venetian Causeway Bridge (West), across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, is 12 feet. The normal operating schedule for the Venetian Causeway Bridge (West) is set forth in 33 CFR 117.269, which requires the bridge to open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the bridge need only open on the hour and half-hour. As a result of this temporary deviation, the Venetian Causeway Bridge (West) will remain closed to navigation from 6:10 a.m. to 9:56 a.m. on January 27, 2013.

2. Venetian Causeway Bridge (East). The vertical clearance of the Venetian Causeway Bridge (East), across Biscayne Bay, is 5 feet. The normal operating schedule for the Venetian Causeway Bridge (East) is set forth in 33 CFR 117.269, which requires the bridge to open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the bridge need only open on the hour and half-hour. As a result of this temporary deviation, the Venetian Causeway Bridge (East) will remain closed to navigation from 6 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on January 27, 2013.

3. Miami Avenue Bridge, mile 0.3. The vertical clearance of the Miami Avenue Bridge, across the Miami River, is 21 feet. The normal operating schedule for the Miami Avenue Bridge is set forth in 33 CFR 117.305(c), which requires the bridge to open on signal, except that from 7:35 a.m. to 8:59 a.m., 12:05 p.m. to 12:59 p.m., and 4:35 p.m. to 5:59 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the bridge need not open for the passage of vessels. As a result of this temporary deviation, the Miami Avenue Bridge will remain closed to navigation from 6:25 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. on January 27, 2013.

4. Brickell Avenue Bridge, mile 0.1. The vertical clearance of the Brickell Avenue Bridge, across the Miami River, is 23 feet. The normal operating schedule for the Brickell Avenue Bridge is set forth in 33 CFR 117.305(d), which requires the bridge to open on signal; except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the bridge need open only on the hour and half-hour. From 7:35 a.m. to 8:59 a.m., 12:05 p.m. to 12:59 p.m., and 4:35 p.m. to 5:59 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the bridge need not open for the passage of vessels. As a result of this temporary deviation, the Brickell Avenue Bridge will remain closed to navigation from 6:25 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 27, 2013.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), these four drawbridges must return to their regular operating schedules immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. These deviations from the operating regulations are authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.