PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Liability for Termination of Single-Employer 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 contained in its regulation on Liability for Termination of Single-Employer Plans, 29 CFR Part 4062 (OMB control number 1212–0017; expires March 31, 2014). This notice informs the public of PBGC’s intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by February 18, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

• Email: paper-work.comments@pbgc.gov.
• Fax: 202–326–4224.
• Mail or Hand Delivery: Regulatory Affairs Group, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026.

Comments received will be posted to www.pbgc.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4062 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, provides that the contributing sponsor of a single-employer pension plan and members of the sponsor’s controlled group (“the employer”) incur liability (“employer liability”) if the plan terminates with assets insufficient to pay benefit liabilities under the plan. PBGC’s statutory lien for employer liability and the payment terms for employer liability are affected by whether and to what extent employer liability exceeds 30 percent of the employer’s net worth.

Section 4062.6 of PBGC’s employer liability regulation (29 CFR 4062.6) requires a contributing sponsor or member of the contributing sponsor’s controlled group who believes employer liability upon plan termination exceeds 30 percent of the employer’s net worth to so notify PBGC and to submit net worth information. This information is necessary to enable PBGC to determine whether and to what extent employer liability exceeds 30 percent of the employer’s net worth.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212–0017 through March 31, 2014. 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.

PBGC estimates that an average of thirty contributing sponsors or controlled group members per year will respond to this collection of information. PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information will be 12 hours and $4,200 per respondent, with an average total annual burden of 360 hours and $126,000.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to:

• Evaluate whether the 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 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 11 day of December 2013.

Judith Starr, General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2014–9 and CP2014–10; Order No. 1898]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing recent Postal Service filings requesting the addition of Priority Mail Contract 71 to the competitive product list. This notice informs the public of the filings, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: December 18, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.


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I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 et seq., the Postal Service filed a request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Contract 71 to the competitive product list. The Postal Service asserts

1 Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 71 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors’ Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, December 9, 2013 (Request).
that Priority Mail Contract 71 is a competitive product “not of general applicability” within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3). Id. at 1. The Request has been assigned Docket No. MC2014–9.

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted contract related to the proposed new product. Id. Attachment B. The instant contract has been assigned Docket No. CP2014–10.

Request. To support its Request, the Postal Service filed six attachments as follows:

• Attachment A—a redacted copy of Governors’ Decision No. 11–6, authorizing the new product;
• Attachment B—a redacted copy of the contract;
• Attachment C—proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule competitive product list with the addition underlined;
• Attachment D—a Statement of Supporting Justification as required by 39 CFR 3020.32;
• Attachment E—a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a); and
• Attachment F—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and related financial information under seal.

In the Statement of Supporting Justification, Dennis R. Nicoski, Manager, Field Sales Strategy and Contracts, asserts that the contract will cover its attributable costs and increase its market share of Priority Mail Contract 29 subject to this docket.1

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2014–9 and CP2014–10 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Priority Mail Contract 71 product and the related contract, respectively.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service’s filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR 3015.5, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than December 18, 2013. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than December 18, 2013.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the Federal Register.

1 Although the Request appears to state that the certification only pertains to paragraphs (1) and (3) of 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), the certification itself contains an assertion that the prices are in compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(1), (2), and (3). See Request at 2: Attachment E.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2011–4; Order No. 1901]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing requesting an amendment to Priority Mail Contract 29. This notice informs the public of the filings, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: December 18, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

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On December 9, 2013, the Postal Service filed notice that it has agreed to an amendment to the existing Priority Mail Contract 29 subject to this docket.2 The Postal Service includes one attachment in support of its Notice:

• Attachment A—a redacted copy of the amendment to the existing Priority Mail Contract 29.

The Postal Service also filed the unredacted amendment under seal. It asserts that the “supporting financial documentation and financial certification initially provided in this docket remain applicable.” Id. at 1. It also contends that the amendment “will not materially affect the cost coverage” of the product. Id. The Postal Service seeks to incorporate by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment