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For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER AND CONSERVATION PLANNING COUNCIL

Fifth Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council (Northwest Power and Conservation Council; the Council).

ACTION: Notice of adoption of the Fifth Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Plan.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 839 *et. al.*) (the Power Act) requires the Council to adopt and periodically review and revise a regional power plan, the Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Plan (the power plan). The Council first adopted the power plan in 1983, with significant amendments or complete revisions adopted in 1986, 1991 and 1998. The Council began a review of the power plan in 2002, and in September 2004, the Council released for public review and comment the Draft Fifth Power Plan. During the comment period, the Council held public hearings in each of four Northwest states, as required by the Power Act, engaged in consultations about the power plan with various governments, entities and individuals in the region, and accepted and considered substantial written and oral comments.

At the Council public meeting in December 2004 in Portland, Oregon, the Council formally adopted the revised power plan, called the Fifth Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Plan. The revised power plan meets the requirements of the Power Act, which specifies the components the power plan is to have. The Power Act requires the power plan to include among other elements, an energy conservation program, a recommendation for research and development; a methodology for determining quantifiable environmental

costs and benefits; a 20-year demand forecast; a forecast of power resources that the Bonneville Power Administration will need to meet its obligations; an analysis of reserve and reserve reliability requirements; and a surcharge methodology. The plan also includes the Council's Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, developed pursuant to other procedural requirements under the Power Act.

The Council followed the adoption of the power plan with a decision at its February 2005 meeting, also in Portland, Oregon, to adopt a Response to Comments and Statement of Basis and Purpose to accompany the final power plan. A pre-publication version of the final power plan is available on the Council's Web site, at <http://www.nwccouncil.org/energy/powerplan/draftplan/Default.htm>. A formal version will be published in the near future.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like more information, or assistance in obtaining a copy of the Fifth Power Plan, please contact the Council's central office. The Council's address is 851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204. The Council's telephone numbers are 503-222-5161, and 800-452-5161; the Council's FAX is 503-820-2370, and the Council's Web site is: <http://www.nwccouncil.org>.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Approval Received; Annual Financial and Actuarial Information Reporting

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Office of Management and Budget's approval of a collection of information contained in the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's final rule on Annual Financial and Actuarial Information Reporting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Beller, Attorney, Legislative & Regulatory Department, PBGC, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026; (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.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 9, 2005, the PBGC published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 11540) a final rule amending its regulation on Annual Financial and Actuarial Information Reporting. This rule contains information collection requirements. 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. On March 9, 2005, OMB approved the collection of information requirements with respect to this final rule under OMB control number 1212-0049 (expires February 29, 2008).

Issued in Washington, DC, this 10th day of March, 2005.

James J. Armbruster,

Acting Director, Legislative & Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

DATES: The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in March 2005. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in April 2005.

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