and/or suggestions can also be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530 or sent to OIRA_submissions@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The Agency received no comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the Federal Register of Volume 79, Number 214, page 65701–65702, on November 5, 2014, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

Below we provide Federal Bureau of Investigation’s projected average estimates for the next three years:

2. Type of Review: New Collection.
3. Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 2.
Respondents: 2,000.
Annual Responses: 4,000.
Frequency of Response: Once per request.
Average Minutes per Response: 10.
Burden Hours: 667.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 3E–405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 7, 2015.

Jerri Murray,
Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerard Poliquin,
Secretary of the Board.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR OMB REVIEW; COMMENT REQUEST; PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for OMB approval of revised collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is modifying the collection of information under its regulation on Payment of Premiums (OMB control number 1212–0009; expires April 30, 2017) and is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the revised collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act for three years. This notice informs the public of PBGC’s request and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by February 11, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1901 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; or by email at: omb.comments@pension.gov.
Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, via electronic mail at OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202–395–6974.

The OMB submission (including the collection of information, comments, and supporting statement) will be posted at http://www.pbgc.gov/prac/laws-and-regulations-information-collections-under-omb-review.html. Copies of the collection of information and comments may also be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division, Office of General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005–4026; visiting the Disclosure Division; faxing a request to 202–326–4042; or calling 202–326–4040 during normal business hours. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4040.) The premium payment regulation and the premium instructions (including illustrative forms) for 2014 are available at www.pbgc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah C. Murphy, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 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 202–326–4040.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4007 of Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requires pension plans covered under Title IV pension insurance programs to pay premiums to PBGC. All plans covered by Title IV pay a flat-rate per-participant premium. An underfunded single-employer plan also pays a variable-rate premium based on the value of the plan’s unfunded vested benefits.

Pursuant to section 4007, PBGC has issued its regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR part 4007). Under § 4007.3 of the premium payment regulation, the plan administrator of each pension plan covered by Title IV of ERISA is required to file a premium payment and information prescribed by PBGC for each premium payment year. Premium information must be filed electronically using “My Plan Administration Account” (“My PAA”) through PBGC’s Web site except to the extent PBGC grants an exemption for good cause in appropriate circumstances, in which case the information must be filed using an approved PBGC form. Under § 4007.10 of the premium payment regulation, plan administrators are required to retain records about premiums and information submitted in premium filings.

Premium filings report (i) the flat-rate premium and related data (all plans), (ii) the variable-rate premium and related data (single-employer plans), and (iii) additional data such as identifying information and miscellaneous plan-related or filing-related data (all plans). PBGC needs this information to identify the plans for which premiums are paid, to verify whether the amounts paid are correct, to help PBGC determine the magnitude of its exposure in the event of plan termination, to help track the creation of new plans and transfer of participants and plan assets and liabilities among plans, and to keep PBGC’s insured-plan inventory up to date. That information and the retained records are also needed for audit purposes.

PBGC is revising the 2015 filing procedures and instructions to require after-the-fact reporting of certain risk transfers through lump sum windows and annuity purchases. Risk transfers can substantially reduce the premiums that plans otherwise would pay to PBGC. Because PBGC premiums and the investment income earned on them are a major source of income for PBGC, information about risk transfers is critical to PBGC’s ability to assess its future financial condition. There is currently no available comprehensive, detailed, and reliable source for information on risk transfers.

PBGC is also changing certain premium declaration certification procedures, offering the option for a plan to provide a telephone number specifically for inclusion in PBGC’s Search Plan List on PBGC’s Web site, updating the premium rates (including to reflect the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. L. 113–235), and making conforming, clarifying, and editorial changes.

On September 23, 2014 (at 79 FR 56831), PBGC gave public notice that it intended to submit the revised procedures and instructions to OMB for review. PBGC received nine comment letters from representatives of employers, pension practitioners, annuity providers, and participants.1 The comments focused almost exclusively on the new risk transfer items. PBGC has made changes to the new items (both the questions themselves and the instructions) in response to some of the comments. The changes and other responses to the comments are discussed in detail in the supporting statement to the OMB submission.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved through April 30, 2017, by OMB under control number 1212–0009. PBGC intends to request that OMB approve the revised collection of information for 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 it will receive 25,700 premium filings per year from 25,700 plan administrators under this collection of information. PBGC further estimates that the average annual burden of this collection of information is approximately 8,000 hours and $53,200,000.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 7th day of January, 2015.

Judith Starr,
General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–2736.


Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

Section 11(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) (15 U.S.C. 80a–11(a)) provides that it is unlawful for a registered open-end investment company (“fund”) or its underwriter to make an offer to the fund’s shareholders or the shareholders of any other fund to exchange the fund’s securities for securities of the same or another fund.