

To All Plan Administrators:

Enclosed are instructions for paying premiums to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) for the 2008 plan year. As a result of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA 2006) and amendments to the premium regulations, there are significant changes from last year. We encourage you to read this entire booklet.

Here are the key items to note for 2008:

- *New comprehensive filing*. The previous final filing forms (Form 1-EZ and Form 1/Schedule A) are being replaced by one new comprehensive filing. See "Data to be Submitted" section.
- *Changes in the flat-rate premium to reflect inflation.* The inflation-adjusted per-participant flat-rate premium for 2008 is \$33 for single-employer plans and \$9 for multiemployer plans.
- *Change in the filing due date structure*. As a result of regulatory changes, the due date is either the same as it was under the 2007 rules or later. See "When to File" section.
- *Changes in how the variable-rate premium is calculated and reported.* See "How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits" and "Description of Data Elements" sections.
- *Booklet format.* The format of this booklet has changed substantially. (See the Table of Contents for an overview.) Note that contact information has been moved to Appendix 2.

To help with the transition to the new PPA 2006 requirements, we have provided information in this booklet and on our Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>). To view online information on PPA 2006 and other premium-related information, go to the Practitioners Page and click on the applicable link, e.g., "What's New," "Online premium filing (My PAA)," and "Premium forms and instructions."

Starting with 2009 — the third year electronic premium filing is required for all plans — premium instructions will no longer be mailed to practitioners unless specifically requested. Premium instructions will continue to be available on our Web site and within PBGC's e-filing application, My Plan Administration Account (My PAA).

For all premium-related inquiries, please call our toll-free practitioner number, 1-800-736-2444, and select the "premium" option, or e-mail us at <u>premiums@pbgc.gov</u>. If you have a complaint about the service you have received or still need assistance after calling our practitioner number, please contact our Problem Resolution Officer at 1-800-736-2444, ext. 4136 (202-326-4136 for local calls) or by e-mail at <u>practitioner.pro@pbgc.gov</u>.

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# **Contact information can be found in Appendix 2**

#### **Reminder to Single-employer Plans About Reportable Events**

The Plan Administrator or contributing sponsor may have to notify PBGC about certain events, such as a 20% reduction in active participants, bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar settlements with creditors, or excess distributions to a substantial owner within a 12-month period. For a complete list of reportable events, go to the Practitioners Page of PBGC's Web site (www.pbgc.gov).

In most cases, notice is required within 30 days after the Plan Administrator or contributing sponsor knows or has reason to know that an event has occurred. In certain cases involving privately-held companies or controlled groups whose pension plans have aggregate unfunded vested benefits of more than \$50 million, the contributing sponsor (but not the Plan Administrator) must notify PBGC 30 days before the effective date of certain events. See section 4043 of ERISA and PBGC's regulation on Reportable Events and Certain Other Notification Requirements (29 CFR Part 4043). (From time to time, we also publish technical guidance on our Web site (www.pbgc.gov), about reportable events filing obligations.) Failure to give PBGC timely notice may result in assessment of penalties under section 4071 of ERISA.

NOTE: PBGC provides Form 10 and Form 10-ADV for notifying PBGC of reportable events. These forms can be downloaded from PBGC's Web site.

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# What is Our Mission?

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) encourages a stable, adequately funded system of private pension plans and provides responsive, timely, and accurate services to participants in insured plans, Plan Administrators, Plan Sponsors, and other pension practitioners.

# Who Are Our Customers and What Services Do We Provide?

As a Plan Administrator of a pension plan that pays premiums to PBGC, you are one of PBGC's principal customers. In administering the premium collection program, we:

- Collect premiums from covered plans;
- Issue annual premium instructions;
- Answer questions from Plan Administrators, Plan Sponsors, and other practitioners about premium payments;
- Process premium-related requests, including requests for refunds and administrative changes;
- Issue past due filing notices and statements of account (premium invoices), as appropriate;
- Make decisions on requests for reconsideration of agency determinations in the premium administration area.

Of course, our dealings with Plan Administrators, Plan Sponsors, and other pension practitioners go beyond premium collections. Should a defined benefit pension plan terminate, as either a standard or a distress termination, you have dealings with PBGC to bring the case to closure.

# **Our Service Pledge**

Our customers deserve our best effort as well as our respect and courtesy.

On the first call from you, our customer, we will say ----

- what we can do immediately and what will take longer,
- when it will be done, and
- who will handle your request.

In addition,

- We will call you if anything changes from what we first said, give you a status report and explain what will happen next.
- We will have staff available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time to answer your calls. If you leave a message, we will return the call within one workday.
- We will acknowledge your letter within one week of receipt.

# Survey Results and Service Improvement Efforts

The most recent customer satisfaction survey of premium filers shows increased satisfaction with our service and the lowest-ever level of practitioner complaints. We are pleased with this improvement, but also note that you would like us to continue to improve both customer care and the timeliness of premium refunds, two areas we will continue to focus on.

Our new premium accounting system is expected to contribute to faster resolution of questions and timelier invoices and notices (e.g., statements of account). We also expect premium e-filing via My PAA (My Plan Administration Account) to contribute to more accurate and timely filings, plan account histories, and notices. We hope that our efforts will mean a positive experience for you whenever and however you interact with PBGC. We continue to seek ways to make our processes more responsive to the needs of the practitioner community. If you have any comments, questions or complaints, please contact us by telephone, fax or e-mail (see Appendix 2).

# Introduction

Payment of premiums to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is required by sections 4006 and 4007 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and PBGC's Premium Regulations (29 CFR Parts 4006 and 4007). You can find these regulations by going to the Practitioners Page of PBGC's Web site (www.pbgc.gov).

There are two kinds of annual premiums: the Flat-rate Premium, which applies to all plans, and the Variable-rate Premium, which applies only to Single-employer Plans.

Every covered plan under ERISA section 4021 must make a premium filing each year. The due dates for these filings vary based on Plan Size. See "When to File" section.

Electronic filing is mandatory for all plans. My Plan Administration Account (My PAA) is a secure Web-based application that enables pension plan professionals to electronically submit premium filings to PBGC in accordance with PBGC's regulations. Electronic filings may be prepared using My PAA's data entry screens or with compatible private-sector software. See "How to File" section for more information. For more information on e-filing options, see Appendix 3.

PBGC may grant exemptions from the electronic filing requirement for good cause in appropriate circumstances. See Appendix 5 for information on how to request an exemption and what to do if an exemption is granted.

This document provides information for plans paying premiums for plan years beginning in 2008, including instructions for each data element that must be reported. (Filing instructions for Large Plans paying an estimate of the 2008 Flat-rate Premium are contained in a separate document.)

Your premium filing will be considered improper if it is not made in accordance with the Premium Regulations and instructions in this document, if you do not make any required premium payment, or if your filing is otherwise incomplete.

#### Defined terms

Appendix 1 provides definitions for terminology used throughout this document. In general, the defined terms are capitalized to signal the reader to refer to Appendix 1 for more information. However, the convention of capitalizing the defined terms is not followed for a few defined terms such as "participant," "we," "you," and "your."

# How to Obtain Instructions

It is the responsibility of the Plan Administrator to obtain the necessary instructions and submit filings on time. The easiest way to get the most current information and instructions for premium filings is to go to the Practitioners Page on PBGC's Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>). In addition, if you use My PAA to create or import filings, instructions for each data item are available by clicking the instructions link by the item.

#### What's New

As a result of The Pension Protection Act of 2006 ("PPA 2006"), our amended Premium Regulations (29 CFR Parts 4006 and 4007), and changes to the instructions provided in this document, there are several changes that first apply to 2008 premium filings. The key changes include:

• A change in the filing due date structure (see "When to File" section).

- Several changes in how the Variable-rate Premium is calculated:
  - The assumptions and methods used to determine unfunded vested benefits have been modified (see "How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits" section);
  - The measurement date for purposes of calculating unfunded vested benefits has changed (see definition of UVB Valuation Date);
  - The alternative calculation method and the modified alternative calculation method are no longer available;
  - An option has been added (for some plans) to pay an estimated Variable-rate Premium and then reconcile at a later date without being subject to a penalty for late payment (see "When to File" and "Correcting Filings and Reconciling Estimates" sections);
  - Some of the Variable-rate Premium exemptions applicable for years before 2008 (including the full funding limit exemption) are no longer available; and
  - The accrued benefit relief rules are no longer available.
- An explanation of when certain benefits are considered vested (see "How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits" section).
- A change in reporting requirements for plans that are eligible for the Variable-rate Premium cap (i.e., certain plans sponsored by small employers) instead of requiring that both the uncapped and capped amount be reported and premiums be paid on the lesser of the two amounts, such plans may choose to report and pay the Variable-rate Premium based solely on the cap (see "Description of Data Elements" section, item 7b).
- A new rule requiring that an explanation be included with <u>any</u> amended filing that reports a lower premium than what was reported in the original filing unless the reduction is due solely to reconciling an estimated Variable-rate Premium (see "Correcting Filings and Reconciling Estimates" section).
- Changes to the rules on recordkeeping and audits to clarify and strengthen those rules (for current rules, see the section on "Recordkeeping Requirements; PBGC Audits").

### All Covered Plans Must File

The Plan Administrator of each pension plan covered under ERISA section 4021 is required annually to file the prescribed premium information and pay the premium due in accordance with PBGC's Premium Regulations and instructions.

Most private-sector defined benefit plans that meet tax qualification requirements are covered. If you are uncertain whether your plan is covered, you should promptly request a coverage determination. Note that a request for a coverage determination does not extend the due date for any premium that is finally determined to be due.

If your plan is covered, you must make a premium filing even if no premium is owed.

#### One Plan, Or More Than One?

If several unrelated employers participate in a program of benefits wherein the funds attributable to each employer are available to pay benefits to all participants, then there is a single Multiemployer or Multiple-employer Plan and the Plan Administrator must file and pay premiums for the plan as a whole. Separate filings and premiums cannot be submitted for each individual employer.

If several employers participate in a program of benefits wherein the funds attributable to each employer are available only to pay benefits to that employer's employees, then there are several plans (one for each employer) and the Plan Administrator must file and pay premiums separately for the plan of each individual employer.

If separate plans are maintained for different groups of employees, regardless of whether each is maintained by the same employer or by employers that are part of the same controlled group, then the Plan Administrator(s) must file and pay premiums separately for each plan.

# When Filing Obligation Ceases

You must continue to make premium filings and pay premiums through and including the plan year in which any of the following occurs:

- Plan assets are distributed in satisfaction of all Benefit Liabilities pursuant to the plan's termination.
- A trustee is appointed for the plan under ERISA section 4042.
- The plan disappears by transferring all its assets and liabilities to one or more other plans in a Merger or Consolidation.
- The plan ceases to be a covered plan under ERISA section 4021.

The following examples illustrate when the filing obligations ceases:

*Example 1* — A calendar-year plan terminates in a standard termination with a termination date of September 30, 2007. On April 7, 2008, assets are distributed in satisfaction of all Benefit Liabilities. The Plan Administrator must file and make the premium payments for the 2007 and 2008 plan years.

*Example 2* — A plan with a plan year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 terminates in a distress termination with a termination date of April 28, 2008. On July 7, 2008, a trustee is appointed to administer the plan under ERISA section 4042. Premium filings and payments must be made for this plan for both the 2007 and 2008 plan years, because a trustee was not appointed until after the beginning of the 2008 plan year.

# General

This section describes when premium filings are due. A filing includes both the submission of required data and the payment of any required premium. In general, if a filing is not made by the due date, late payment charges will apply. Late payment charges include both interest charges and penalty charges. See "Late Payment Charges" section for more information on the ramifications of missing a deadline.

The date by which a filing must be made varies depending on the number of participants for whom premiums were owed in the prior plan year. In addition, special rules apply if:

- The plan year has been changed since last year,
- The plan is a New or Newly-covered Plan,
- The due date falls on a weekend or Federal Holiday, or
- Disaster relief has been granted.

Each of these situations is discussed below.

#### Filing Due Dates for Pre-existing Plans with no change in plan year

This section describes filing due dates for the most common situation — plans that are neither New Plans nor Newly-covered Plans and had no change in plan year since the prior plan year.

For these plans, the filing due dates vary based on the Plan Size. For this purpose, Plan Size is based on the number of participants for whom Flat-rate Premiums were payable for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year.

- Small Plans (prior year Participant Count fewer than 100) Both the Flat-rate Premium and the Variable-rate Premium are due the last day of the 16<sup>th</sup> full calendar month following the end of the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year (e.g., April 30, 2009, for 2008 calendar-year plans).
- Mid-size Plans (prior year Participant Count 100 or more but fewer than 500)
  - Flat-rate Premium The due date is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> full calendar month in the plan year (e.g., October 15, 2008, for 2008 calendar-year plans).<sup>1</sup>
  - Variable-rate Premium The due date is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> full calendar month in the plan year.<sup>1</sup> However, if the Premium Funding Target is not yet known, an estimated Variable-rate Premium may be paid, and an amended filing made at a later date to reconcile the final Variable-rate Premium with the estimate. Note that this reconciliation date is the same date all premiums are due for Small Plans (e.g., April 30, 2009, for 2008 calendar-year plans).

For rules related to estimating and reconciling Variable-rate Premiums, see the "Correcting Filings and Reconciling Estimates" section. For information on how to avoid late payment penalties if an estimated Variable-rate Premium is paid on the due date, see "Automatic Penalty Waiver for Late Variable-Rate Premiums – Large and Mid-size Plans" in the "Late Payment Charges" section. Note – there is no way to avoid interest charges on late payments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Technically, the due date is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> full calendar month <u>following the end of the plan year preceding</u> <u>the Premium Payment Year</u>. In situations involving a short plan year, this due date may not be "in the plan year."

- Large Plans (prior year Participant Count 500 or more)
  - Flat-rate Premium The due date is the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> full calendar month in the plan year (e.g., the last day of February for calendar-year plans).<sup>2</sup> However, if the final Flat-rate Premium is not known by that time, an estimate may be paid, and a reconciliation filing made at a later date to reconcile the final Flat-rate Premium with the estimate. Note that for plans that pay a Variable-rate Premium, this reconciliation date is the same date the Variable-rate Premium is due.

For rules related to estimating and reconciling Flat-rate Premiums, see the "Correcting Filings and Reconciling Estimates" section. For information on how to avoid late payment penalties if an estimated Flat-rate Premium is paid on the due date, see "Automatic Penalty Waiver for Late Flat-rate Premiums – Large Plans" in the "Late Payment Charges" section. Note – there is no way to avoid interest charges on late payments.

- Variable-rate Premium — Same as for Mid-size Plans. See above.

Because Plan Size for due date purposes is based on the Participant Count for the prior plan year, a New Plan or a Newly-covered Plan is not considered a Small, Mid-size or Large Plan for this purpose (regardless of how many participants are in the plan). Thus, the above rules do not apply to New or Newly-covered Plans. See "Filing Due Dates for New and Newly-covered Plans" below. There are also special due date rules for pre-existing plans changing plan years. See "Filing Due Dates for Plans Changing Plan Years" below.

| Filing Due Dates for Pre-existing Calendar-Year Plans <sup>a</sup> |  |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Plan Size  | Flat-rate<br>Premium                     | Reconciliation<br>of estimated<br>Flat-rate<br>Premium <sup>b</sup> | Variable-rate<br>Premium                | Reconciliation of<br>estimated<br>Variable-rate<br>Premium <sup>b</sup> |
| Small  | April 30 <sup>th</sup> after year-end    | N/A   | April 30 <sup>th</sup> after year-end   | N/A   |
| Mid-size   | October 15 <sup>th</sup><br>during year  | N/A   | October 15 <sup>th</sup><br>during year | April 30 <sup>th</sup> after year-end                                   |
| Large  | February 28 <sup>th</sup><br>during year | October 15 <sup>th</sup><br>during year                             | October 15 <sup>th</sup><br>during year | April 30 <sup>th</sup><br>after year-end                                |

The following table uses a calendar-year plan to illustrate the due date information explained above:

a. Table assumes none of the dates shown are Saturdays, Sundays, or Federal Holidays, and that there has been no change in the plan year.

b. If certain conditions are met, late payment interest charges will apply, but late payment penalties will not. See "Late Payment Charges" section.

*Example* — Consider a pre-existing calendar-year plan that had 525 participants on December 31, 2006 and 490 participants on December 31, 2007.

Because the Participant Count was 500 or more as of the Participant Count Date (formerly called "snapshot date") for the 2007 Premium Payment Year (i.e., 12/31/2006), the plan is considered a Large Plan for the 2008 Premium Payment Year and the 2008 Flat-rate Premium is due on February 29, 2008 (the Large Plan Flat-rate Premium due date). For 2008, the Flat-rate Premium

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Technically, the due date is the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> full calendar month <u>following the end of the plan year preceding the</u> <u>Premium Payment Year</u>. In situations involving a short plan year, this due date may not be "in the plan year."

due is based on 490 participants (the Participant Count on 12/31/2007). The fact that premiums are due for fewer than 500 participants for 2008 does not negate the fact that the early Flat-rate Premium due date applies for 2008.

However, for the 2009 Premium Payment Year, the plan will be considered a Mid-size Plan (because the Participant Count for 2008 was more than 100 and fewer than 500 participants). Therefore, for 2009, the Flat-rate Premium is not due until October 15, 2009.

The following table shows the due dates for pre-existing plans for the 2008 Premium Payment Year (assuming there has been no change in the plan year).

| 2008 Filing Due Dates          |                                   |                                       |  |   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                | Large Plans                       |                                       | Mid-size Plans   | Small Plans                               |
| Premium Payment<br>Year Begins | Flat-rate<br>Premium <sup>a</sup> | Variable-rate<br>Premium <sup>b</sup> | Flat-rate and<br>Variable-rate<br>Premium <sup>b</sup> | Flat-rate and<br>Variable-rate<br>Premium |
| 1/1/2008                       | 02/29/2008                        | 10/15/2008                            | 10/15/2008   | 04/30/2009                                |
| 01/02 - 02/01/2008             | 03/31/2008                        | 11/17/2008 <sup>c</sup>               | 11/17/2008 <sup>c</sup>                                | 06/01/2009 <sup>c</sup>                   |
| 02/02 - 03/01/2008             | 04/30/2008                        | 12/15/2008                            | 12/15/2008   | 06/30/2009                                |
| 03/02 - 04/01/2008             | 06/02/2008 <sup>c</sup>           | 01/15/2009                            | 01/15/2009   | 07/31/2009                                |
| 04/02 - 05/01/2008             | 06/30/2008                        | 02/17/2009 <sup>c</sup>               | 02/17/2009 <sup>c</sup>                                | 08/31/2009                                |
| 05/02 - 06/01/2008             | 07/31/2008                        | 03/16/2009 <sup>c</sup>               | 03/16/2009 <sup>c</sup>                                | 09/30/2009                                |
| 06/02 - 07/01/2008             | 09/02/2008 <sup>c</sup>           | 04/15/2009                            | 04/15/2009   | 11/02/2009 <sup>c</sup>                   |
| 07/02 - 08/01/2008             | 09/30/2008                        | 05/15/2009                            | 05/15/2009   | 11/30/2009                                |
| 08/02 - 09/01/2008             | 10/31/2008                        | 06/15/2009                            | 06/15/2009   | 12/31/2009                                |
| 09/02 - 10/01/2008             | 12/01/2008 <sup>c</sup>           | 07/15/2009                            | 07/15/2009   | 02/01/2010 <sup>c</sup>                   |
| 10/02 - 11/01/2008             | 12/31/2008                        | 08/17/2009 <sup>c</sup>               | 08/17/2009 <sup>c</sup>                                | 03/01/2010 <sup>c</sup>                   |
| 11/02 - 12/01/2008             | 02/02/2009 <sup>c</sup>           | 09/15/2009                            | 09/15/2009   | 03/31/2010                                |
| 12/02 - 12/31/2008             | 03/02/2009 °                      | 10/15/2009                            | 10/15/2009   | 04/30/2010                                |

a. If the estimated Flat-rate Premium is reported and paid by this date, the late payment penalty charge (but not the late payment interest charge) may be waived if certain requirements are met. See "Automatic Penalty Waiver for Late Flat-rate Premiums – Large Plans" in the "Late Payment Charges" section.

b. If the estimated Variable-rate Premium is reported and paid by this date, the late payment penalty charge (but not the late payment interest charge) may be waived if the variable-rate reconciliation filing is made by the date shown in the "Small Plans" column.

c. The actual due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, so the date shown above is the first business day following the actual due date. See "Late Payment Charges" section for information on how late charges are determined if filing is made after the date shown in the table.

### Filing Due Dates for New and Newly-covered Plans

New Plans and Newly-covered Plans are not classified as Small, Mid-size or Large Plans because those classifications are based on the number of participants for whom premiums were payable for the plan year <u>preceding</u> the Premium Payment Year. Therefore, special due dates rules apply to these first-time filers. For New Plans and Newly-covered Plans, both the Flat-rate Premium and the Variable-rate Premium are due on the <u>later</u> of:

- The last day of the 16<sup>th</sup> full calendar month that began on or after the first day of the Premium Payment Year (in the case of a Newly-covered Plan) or that began on or after the effective date (in the case of a New Plan), or
- 90 days after the Plan Adoption Date.

The following examples show how the filing rules work for plans filing for the first time.

*Example 1* — A new calendar-year plan was adopted and effective on January 1, 2008, and had 650 participants on that date. Although there are more than 500 participants, the plan is not considered a Large Plan for 2008 because Plan Size is based on the number of participants for whom 2007 premiums were required to be paid. Because the plan is a New Plan, the 2008 Flat-rate Premium is <u>not</u> due on February 29, 2008 (the Flat-rate Premium due date applicable for pre-existing Large Plans). Instead, the plan would be required to pay its Flat-rate and Variable-rate Premiums by April 30, 2009. As a New Plan, its 2008 Participant Count Date is January 1, 2008 (the first day of the plan year), so the 2008 Flat-rate Premium is based on a Participant Count of 650 as of January 1, 2008.

In 2009, this plan will be considered a Large Plan because the Participant Count for the 2008 Premium Payment Year was above 500. As a Large Plan, the <u>2009</u> Flat-rate Premium will be due on March 2, 2009.<sup>3</sup> Note that this is before the date <u>2008</u> premium payments are due (April 30, 2009). The 2009 Variable-rate Premium will be due on October 15, 2009.

*Example 2* — A New Plan is adopted on December 1, 2008, and has a July 1 - June 30 plan year. The plan became effective for benefit accruals for future service on December 1, 2008. The filing due date for the plan's first year (December 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009) is March 31, 2010, regardless of the Participant Count on the Participant Count Date (December 1, 2008).

*Example 3* — A professional service employer maintains a plan with a calendar plan year. If this type of plan has never had more than 25 active participants since September 2, 1974, it is not a covered plan under ERISA section 4021. On October 18, 2008, the plan, which always had 25 or fewer active participants, has 26 active participants. It is now a covered plan and will continue to be a covered plan regardless of how many active participants the plan has in the future. Note that the Premium Payment Year begins on January 1, 2008, even though the plan did not become covered until after that date. The due date for the plan's first premium filing is April 30, 2009 (the last day of the 16th full calendar month that began on or after the first day of the Premium Payment Year).

# Filing Due Dates for Plans Changing Plan Years

For a plan that changes its plan year, the filing due dates for the short year are unaffected by the change in plan year. For the first plan year under the new cycle, the due date is whichever is later:

- 30 days following the date on which a plan amendment changing the plan year was adopted, or
- The date the filing would otherwise be due.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The actual due date, February 28, 2009, is a Saturday.

The following examples show the due dates for plans changing plan years.

*Example 1* — By plan amendment adopted on December 1, 2008, a Small Plan changes from a plan year beginning January 1 to a plan year beginning June 1. This results in a short plan year beginning January 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2008. Both the Flat-rate and Variable-rate Premiums for the short plan year are due April 30, 2009.

For the new plan year beginning June 1, 2008, the due date for the Flat-rate and Variable-rate Premium is the date the filing would otherwise be due (September 30, 2009) because that is later than 30 days after the date the plan amendment changing the plan year was adopted (December 31, 2008).

*Example 2* — By plan amendment adopted on January 7, 2009, and made retroactively effective to April 1, 2008, a Mid-size Plan changes from a plan year beginning on March 1 to a plan year beginning on April 1. For the March 1, 2008 — March 31, 2008 short plan year, both the Flat-rate and Variable-rate Premium are due December 15, 2008. For the new plan year beginning April 1, 2008, the due date for the Flat-rate Premium and Variable-rate Premium is 30 days after the adoption of the plan amendment changing the plan year (February 6, 2009) because that is later than the date the premium would otherwise be due (January 15, 2009).

*Example 3* — By plan amendment adopted on July 8, 2008, and made retroactively effective to May 1, 2008, a Large Plan changes from a plan year beginning February 1 to a plan year beginning May 1. The plan has always had 500 or more participants. For the February 1, 2008 — April 30, 2008 short plan year, the Flat-rate Premium is due March 31, 2008, and the Variable-rate Premium is due November 17, 2008.<sup>4</sup>

For the new plan year beginning May 1, 2008, the due date for the Flat-rate Premium is 30 days after the adoption of the plan amendment changing the plan year (August 7, 2008) because that is later than the date the Flat-rate Premium would otherwise be due (June 30, 2008).

The Variable-rate Premium for the first plan year in the new cycle is due on the date the Variablerate Premium would otherwise be due (February 17, 2009)<sup>5</sup> because that is later than 30 days after the adoption of the plan amendment (August 7, 2008).

# Saturday, Sunday, and Federal Holidays

If your premium filing due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, the due date is extended automatically to the next business day. However, if your premium payment is filed after the extended due date, interest and penalties will be computed from the actual (unextended) due date. See "Late Payment Charges" section.

*Example* — The Flat-rate and Variable-rate Premium for a Small Plan with a plan year beginning on July 1, 2008, normally would be due on October 31, 2009. Because that day is a Saturday, the due date is Monday, November 2, 2009. If the filing is made after November 2, 2009, interest and penalty charges will be computed from October 31, 2009.

*Note regarding Disaster Relief* — From time to time PBGC grants disaster relief by waiving late filing and payment penalties for certain plans that are unable to meet the filing deadline as a result of a major disaster (e.g., a hurricane). Disaster Relief Announcements are available on PBGC's Web site (www.pbgc.gov).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The actual due date, November 15, 2008, is a Saturday.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The actual due date, February 15, 2009, is a Sunday and the following day, February 16, 2009, is a Federal Holiday.

# **Additional information**

You can find detailed rules about filing due dates in PBGC's filing, issuance, computation of time, and record retention regulation (29 CFR Part 4000). You can access this regulation through the Practitioners Page of PBGC's Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>).

# General

To make a complete premium filing, you must report certain required data and submit any required premium payment. There are two types of filings:

- Estimated Flat-rate Premium filings for Large Plans required to pay the Flat-rate Premium early in the year, and
- Comprehensive premium filings for all other purposes.

A comprehensive premium filing is used to report:

- The Flat-rate Premium and related data (all plans),
- The Variable-rate Premium and related data (Single-employer Plans), and
- Additional data such as identifying information and miscellaneous plan-related or filing-related data (all plans).

For Large Plans, the comprehensive premium filing also serves to reconcile an estimated Flat-rate Premium paid earlier in the year.

A list of the data that must be reported in a comprehensive premium filing is included in the "Data to be Submitted" section. For simplicity, the required data elements are shown in a traditional "form" format. The purpose of the "form" included in this document is to provide a comprehensive list of data that must be submitted electronically. This "form" is for illustrative purposes only; you may not submit your filing using a paper form unless you request and receive an exemption from e-filing.

Depending on how you choose to prepare electronic filings (My PAA data entry screens or private sector software), the order in which the questions are asked may differ from the order shown on the form. In addition, in some cases, the software may perform certain calculations instead of requiring that you manually enter each required data element.

The form included in this document illustrates the data to be included in a comprehensive premium payment filing. It replaces the prior Form 1-EZ, Form 1 and Schedule A. Information on how to file an estimated Flat-rate Premium filing is contained in a separate document.

This document provides instructions as if they related to the illustrative form. These instructions describe the information you must report in your comprehensive premium filing. If you use My PAA's data entry and editing screens, instructions are available on-line.

#### **Instructions (and Forms) for Prior Years**

If you are filing for a previous year, you must follow the instructions for that year, and if you make a paper filing, you must use the prior year's form(s). Prior years' instructions and forms are available on PBGC's Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>). You may also obtain the instructions and form(s) by contacting us.

#### Filing method

Electronic premium filing is mandatory for all plans. PBGC may grant an exemption from the requirement to make a premium filing electronically for good cause in appropriate circumstances. If you want to request an exemption or have been granted an exemption from e-filing, see Appendix 5 for information related to paper filings.

# How to File

Electronic premium filing is done through PBGC's e-filing application, My Plan Administration Account (My PAA), which you access through the Practitioners Page of PBGC's Web site (www.pbgc.gov).

You may prepare the filing directly using My PAA's data entry screens. Alternatively, you may use private-sector software to prepare a filing and then "import" the data into My PAA's editing screens or "upload" the filing via My PAA. That means the software you use must be compatible with My PAA. In other words, the software must be able to place your filing in an electronic file that is in "XML" format and meets PBGC specifications.

Appendix 3 provides an introduction to My PAA. PBGC's Web site provides detailed information about My PAA.

#### **Paying premiums**

Although e-filing of premium information through My PAA is mandatory, premium payments may be made either within My PAA or outside of My PAA. If you choose to pay within My PAA, you may pay by an electronic funds transfer using automated clearing house (ACH), by electronic check, or by credit card. If you pay outside of My PAA, you may pay by electronic funds transfer (ACH or Fedwire) or paper check.

Additional information on payment options is included in Appendix 3.

# General

Plan participants must be counted because Flat-rate Premiums are based on the number of participants. In addition, the number of participants for the prior plan year affects when a filing for the current plan year is due (see "When to File" section).

The rules on when and how to count participants have not changed. However, there has been a change in terminology. For years before 2008, the date on which participants are counted for premium purposes was called the "premium snapshot date." Beginning in 2008, this date is called the "Participant Count Date."

#### **Participant Count Date**

The Participant Count Date is the last day of the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year except as follows:

- If the plan is a New Plan, the Participant Count Date is the first day of the Premium Payment Year (i.e., the effective date).
- If the plan is a Newly-covered Plan, the Participant Count Date is the first day of the Premium Payment Year. This is the case even if the plan first became covered under ERISA section 4021 after the first day of the Premium Payment Year.
- If the plan is the transferee plan in a Merger or the transferor plan in a Spinoff to a New Plan, and the transaction meets the conditions described below, the Participant Count Date is the first day of the Premium Payment Year. A plan Merger or Spinoff (as defined in the regulations under section 414(1) of the Code) is covered by this rule if:
  - a Merger is effective on the first day of the transferee (the continuing) plan's plan year, or a Spinoff is effective on the first day of the transferor plan's plan year, and
  - the Merger or Spinoff is not *de minimis*, as defined in the regulations under section 414(l) of the Code with respect to Single-employer Plans, or in PBGC's regulation under ERISA section 4231 (29 CFR Part 4231) with respect to Multiemployer Plans.

The following examples illustrate the determination of the Participant Count Date.

*Example 1* — An ongoing plan changes its plan year from a calendar year to a plan year that begins June 1, effective June 1, 2008. The Participant Count Date for the:

- January 1, 2008 May 31, 2008 plan year is December 31, 2007,
- June 1, 2008 May 31, 2009 plan year is May 31, 2008.

*Example 2* — A new calendar-year plan is adopted February 18, 2009, retroactively effective as of January 1, 2008. The Participant Count Date is January 1, 2008.

*Example 3* — A new calendar-year plan is adopted January 1, 2008, effective April 1, 2008. The Participant Count Date is April 1, 2008.

*Example 4* — Plan A has a calendar plan year and Plan B has a July 1 - June 30 plan year. Effective January 1, 2008, Plan B merges into Plan A (and the Merger is not *de minimis*). Because the Merger occurred on the first day of Plan A's 2008 plan year, Plan A's Participant Count Date for the 2008 Flat-rate Premium is January 1, 2008. Note that the Participant Count includes Plan A participants that used to be covered by Plan B.

*Example 5* — Plan A has a calendar plan year. Effective January 1, 2008, Plan A spins off assets and liabilities to form a New Plan, Plan B (and the Spinoff is not *de minimis*). Plan A's Participant

# How to Count Participants

Count Date is January 1, 2008. (Plan B's Participant Count Date also is January 1, 2008, since it is a New Plan that became effective on that date.)

*Example 6* — A calendar-year plan that was not covered plan under ERISA section 4021 becomes covered on May 31, 2008. The first day of the Premium Payment Year is January 1, 2008, and the Participant Count Date is January 1, 2008.

### Participant

For premium purposes, "participant" means an individual (whether active, inactive, retired, or deceased) with respect to whom the plan has Benefit Liabilities. Beneficiaries and alternate payees are not counted as participants. However, a deceased participant will continue to be counted as a participant if there are one or more beneficiaries or alternate payees who are receiving or have a right to receive benefits earned by the participant.

An individual is not counted as a participant after all Benefit Liabilities with respect to the individual are distributed through the purchase of irrevocable commitments from an insurer or otherwise. In addition, a non-vested individual is not counted as a participant after:

- A deemed "zero-dollar cashout,"
- A one-year break in service under plan rules, or
- Death.

#### Cashouts

If the plan has a separate cashout provision for zero benefits, terminated non-vested participants are deemed to be cashed out as of the date specified in the deemed cashout provision or, if no date is specified, as of the employment termination date. If the plan provides that zero benefit amounts will be deemed to be paid as soon as possible, terminated non-vested participants also will be deemed to be cashed out as of the employment termination date.

If the plan does not have a separate cashout provision for zero benefits, but does have a mandatory cashout of small benefit amounts (e.g., benefits less than \$5,000), terminated non-vested participants are deemed to be cashed out in the same manner as terminated vested participants. If the plan is silent as to the timing of actual cashouts of terminated vested participants, the plan is deemed to read "as soon as practicable" and the terminated non-vested participants are deemed to be cashed out immediately upon termination of employment. If the plan specifies a date as of which actual cashouts of terminated vested participants take place (e.g., on the first day of the next month), that rule also would apply to deemed cashouts of terminated non-vested participants. These rules do not apply if, despite plan language, the plan has an obvious pattern or practice of delaying distributions for long periods of time.

*Example* — Suppose a calendar-year plan provides that if a participant terminates employment and the participant's vested benefit has a value of less than \$5,000, the plan will pay the vested benefit to the participant in a lump sum as of the first of the month following termination of employment. Suppose further that no plan provisions specifically address payment of benefits upon termination of employment by non-vested participants. If a participant with a non-vested accrued benefit terminates employment on December 15, 2007, the participant will be included in the Participant Count as of December 31, 2007 (because the cashout is deemed to occur on January 1, 2008, the first of the month following termination of employment). If, as is typically the case for a calendar-year plan, the plan's Participant Count Date for 2008 is December 31, 2007, a Flat-rate Premium must be paid for this participant for 2008.

# **Breaks in service**

A non-vested individual ceases to be a participant for premium purposes when the individual incurs a one-year break in service under the plan.

Note that if the break in service occurs in a service computation period that coincides with the plan year <u>preceding</u> the Premium Payment Year, we treat the individual as <u>not</u> being a participant for purposes of determining the premium for the Premium Payment Year.

*Example 1* — A calendar-year plan with five-year vesting provides that a participant who performs 500 or fewer hours of service in a service computation period incurs a one-year break in service as of the last day of the computation period. The plan also provides that the annual service computation period begins on the anniversary of a participant's date of hire.

Consider an employee who was hired on December 1, 2005, and terminates employment on February 1, 2007. Further assume that this participant does not perform more than 500 hours of service during the December 1, 2006 — November 30, 2007 computation period. This participant incurs a one-year break in service on November 30, 2007. Since the break occurred before December 31, 2007 (the Participant Count Date for the 2008 premium), the individual would not be included in the Participant Count for 2008.

*Example 2*— A calendar-year plan provides that a participant who performs 500 or fewer hours of service in a service computation period incurs a one-year break in service as of the last day of the computation period. The plan also provides that the annual service computation period is the calendar year.

Consider a non-vested employee who does not perform more than 500 hours of service during the 2007 calendar-year computation period. This participant incurs a one-year break in service on December 31, 2007. Although the break occurs on the Participant Count Date for the 2008 premium, the individual would not be included in the Participant Count for 2008.

# **Comparison to Form 5500**

The Participant Count for Flat-rate Premium purposes for the Premium Payment Year and the number of participants reported for item 7 of Form 5500 for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year (e.g., the 2008 premium filing and the 2007 Form 5500) are generally determined as of the same date (i.e., the last day of the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year). However, the two counts may differ. For example:

- For Flat-rate Premium purposes, individuals who are earning or retaining credited service but with respect to whom a plan has no Benefit Liabilities are not counted as participants. But individuals who are earning or retaining credited service are considered to be participants for purposes of item 7 of the Form 5500, even if the plan has no Benefit Liabilities with respect to them.
- There is a difference in the break-in-service rules that apply when counting participants for Flat-rate Premium purposes and for purposes of item 7 of Form 5500. For purposes of item 7 of Form 5500, whether a non-vested individual is excluded from the count because of a break in service depends upon the plan language; under the provisions of most plans, the instructions for item 7 would require that a separated non-vested individual be counted as a participant until the individual has incurred five or more consecutive one-year breaks in service. For premium purposes, on the other hand, a non-vested individual is excluded from the count because of a break in service when the individual has incurred a one-year break in service under the terms of the plan.

# General

"Unfunded vested benefits" is the term used to describe the underfunding measure on which the Variable-rate Premium is based. For Variable-rate Premium purposes, unfunded vested benefits means the excess, if any, of:

- The Premium Funding Target, over
- The fair market value of plan assets.

This section describes how the Premium Funding Target and fair market value of plan assets are determined for this calculation.

Both the Premium Funding Target and the fair market value of assets are measured on the funding valuation date (i.e., the measurement date for determining the minimum required contribution) for the Premium Payment Year. For premium purposes, this date is called the UVB Valuation Date to distinguish it from the Participant Count Date (see "How to Count Participants" section).

# **Premium Funding Target**

The Premium Funding Target is the liability measure underlying the UVB calculation. It is determined the same way the funding target is determined under ERISA section 303 (minimum funding requirements) except that only vested benefits are included, and a special premium discount rate structure is used. With the exception of the discount rate structure, all other assumptions must be identical to those used to determine the minimum required contribution under ERISA section 303. However, you may make an election (irrevocable for five years) to use the same discount rates used to determine the minimum required contribution instead of the special premium discount rates. Different terminology is used to describe the Premium Funding Target depending on whether this election is in effect.

Standard Premium Funding Target — This term describes the Premium Funding Target that applies unless the above-noted election is in effect. The discount rates used to determine the Standard Premium Funding Target are the segment rates for the month preceding the month in which the Premium Payment Year begins that are determined in accordance with ERISA section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iv). For example, the December 2007 rates are used for a Premium Payment year beginning in January 2008.

The ERISA section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iv) segment rates are based on the same bond yields as used to determine the segment rates for the ERISA section 303 funding target. However, for funding purposes, the yields are averaged over 24 months, whereas under ERISA section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iv), the yields are not averaged. In addition, for funding purposes, the segment rates are generally phased-in for three years beginning in 2008, whereas for the Standard Premium Funding Target, there is no discount rate phase-in.

The segment rates needed to calculate a Standard Premium Funding Target are published monthly in the Federal Register and on the Practitioners Page of PBGC's Web site (www.pbgc.gov).

• Alternative Premium Funding Target — This term describes the Premium Funding Target if the above-noted election <u>is</u> made. In this case, the discount rates are identical to the rates used to determine the ERISA section 303 funding target for the Premium Payment Year<sup>6</sup>. Thus, if an election is made under:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Note that this will not be the case if an election is made under PPA 2006 section 402, under which the funding target is determined using an 8.25% discount rate. See "Plans Subject to Special Funding Rules" later in this section.

- ERISA section 303(h)(2)(D)(ii) to use the full yield curve instead of the three segment rates for purposes of determining the minimum required contribution, that same yield curve is used to determine the Alternative Premium Funding Target;
- ERISA section 303(h)(2)(E) to use one of the four months preceding the valuation date as the "applicable month," instead of the month containing the valuation date, for determining which month's rates to use, that same month's rates are used to determine the Alternative Premium Funding Target;
- ERISA section 303(h)(2)(G)(iv) to disregard the transition rule phasing into the new segments rates from the prior current liability discount rate for 2008 and 2009, the transition rule is also disregarded when determining the Alternative Premium Funding Target.

Since all of the assumptions used to the determine the Alternative Premium Funding Target are the same as those used to determine the funding target under ERISA section 303, the Alternative Premium Funding Target is equal to the vested portion of the ERISA section 303 funding target.

The following table compares the various 2008 funding targets for a calendar-year plan with a January 1 valuation date:

|   | ERISA section 303   | Standard Premium<br>Funding Target   | Alternative Premium<br>Funding Target                                   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Benefits<br>reflected in<br>calculation | All benefits earned or accrued as of the beginning of the plan year   | Vested portion of benefits<br>included in ERISA § 303<br>Funding Target                          | Vested portion of benefits<br>included in ERISA § 303<br>Funding Target |
| Discount<br>rate basis                  | <ul> <li>3 segments based on 24-month<br/>average of high-quality corporate<br/>bond yield curve phased-in over 3<br/>years</li> <li>Options</li> </ul> | 3 segments based on high-<br>quality corporate bond<br>yield curve (no averaging<br>or phase-in) | Whatever is used for<br>ERISA § 303                                     |
|   | <ul> <li>Disregard phase-in</li> <li>Use full yield curve, no phase-in or averaging</li> </ul>  |  |   |
| Which<br>month's<br>yield curve?        | <ul> <li>January 2008</li> <li>Options – December 2007, November 2007, October 2007, September 2007</li> </ul>  | December 2007  | Whatever is used for<br>ERISA § 303                                     |
| Mortality                               | <ul> <li>As prescribed by Treasury</li> <li>Option – with Treasury approval, a plan-specific table</li> </ul>   | Whatever is used for<br>ERISA § 303  | Whatever is used for<br>ERISA § 303                                     |
| All other assumptions                   | Based on actuary's expectations with<br>some prescribed modifications if plan is<br>at-risk   | Whatever is used for<br>ERISA § 303  | Whatever is used for<br>ERISA § 303                                     |

# How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits

An election to use the Alternative Premium Funding Target cannot be revoked for five years. In other words, if you elect to use this alternative for the 2008 Premium Payment Year, you must also use it for the 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 Premium Payment Years. You may revoke the election for the 2013 Premium Payment Year or any year after 2013. But, until an election is officially revoked, it remains in place. If you do not elect to use this method for 2008, you may elect it in a subsequent year.

The election (or revocation) must be made by the date the Variable-rate Premium is due. An election to use (or revoke) the Alternative Premium Funding Target is made as part of the comprehensive premium filing.

#### Vested benefits

As noted previously, only vested benefits are taken into account when determining the Premium Funding Target. For this purpose, a benefit does not fail to be considered vested solely because it is not protected under Code section 411(d)(6) and thus may be eliminated or reduced by the adoption of a plan amendment or by the occurrence of a condition or event. Such a benefit is vested for premium purposes (if the other requirements for vesting have been met) so long as the benefit has not actually been eliminated or reduced. In addition, certain benefits payable upon a participant's death do not fail to be considered vested solely because the participant is still living. The benefits to which this rule applies are a qualified pre-retirement survivor annuity, a post-retirement survivor annuity such as the annuity paid after a participant's death under a joint-and-survivor or certain-and-continuous option, and a benefit that returns a participant's accumulated mandatory employee contributions.

Also, a participant's pre-retirement lump-sum death benefit (other than a benefit that returns accumulated mandatory employee contributions) is not vested if the participant is living. Similarly, a disability benefit is not vested if the participant is not disabled. The following examples illustrate these concepts:

*Example 1* — Under Plan A, if a participant retires at or after age 55 but before age 62, the participant receives a temporary supplement from retirement until age 62. The supplement is not a QSUPP (qualified social security supplement), as defined in Treasury Reg. \$1.401(a)(4)-12, and is not protected under Code section 411(d)(6). The temporary supplement is considered vested, and its value is included in the premium funding target, for each participant who, on the UVB valuation date, is at least 55 but less than 62, and thus eligible for the supplement. The calculation is unaffected by the fact that the plan could be amended to remove the supplement after the UVB valuation date.

*Example 2* — Plan B provides a qualified pre-retirement survivor annuity (QPSA) upon the death of a participant who has five years of service, at no charge to the participant. The QPSA is considered vested, and its value is included in the premium funding target, for each participant who, on the UVB valuation date, has five years of service and is thus eligible for the QPSA. The calculation is unaffected by the fact that the participant is alive on that date.

#### Fair Market Value of Plan Assets

The asset measure underlying the UVB calculation is determined the same way assets are determined under ERISA section 303 except that any averaging method adopted for funding purposes is disregarded for premium purposes. For premium purposes, the market value of assets is measured on the UVB Valuation Date and adjusted to account for contribution receipts using the same methodology as is used for funding purposes.

Adjustments for prior year contributions

- If contributions for the prior plan year are made after the UVB Valuation Date, the market value is increased to reflect such contributions.
- Interest adjustments
  - For Premium Payment Years beginning in 2008, no discounting is required. The entire amount contributed is included in the market value of assets as of the UVB Valuation Date.
  - For Premium Payment Years beginning after 2008, prior year contributions are discounted to the UVB Valuation Date, using the effective interest rate for the plan year for which the contributions were made. The effective interest rate is the rate determined under ERISA section 303(h)(2)(A) for minimum funding purposes.
- Prior year contributions are included only to the extent received by the plan by the date of a premium filing.

# Adjustments for current year contributions

If contributions for the current plan year are made before the UVB Valuation Date, the market value is decreased to exclude the adjusted value of these current year contributions. For this adjustment, current year contributions made before the UVB Valuation Date are increased to the UVB Valuation Date using the ERISA section 303(h)(2)(A) effective interest rate for the current plan year.

Note - this can happen only if the UVB Valuation Date is after the beginning of the plan year.

#### Comparison to asset value reported on Schedule SB

In general, the asset value used to determine unfunded vested benefits is identical to the market value of assets reported in the 2008 Schedule SB (item 2a). The only situation in which the amounts would differ is if a premium filing is made before the premium filing due date and prior year contributions are made after premium filing is made (and thus not included in assets).

# Plans Subject to Special Funding Rules

Sections 104, 105, and 106 of PPA 2006 delay the effective date of the funding amendments for certain plans described in those sections, which in general deal with plans of cooperatives, plans affected by settlement agreements with PBGC, and plans of government contractors. Section 402 of PPA 2006 applies special funding rules to certain plans of commercial passenger airlines and airline caterers. None of these provisions affects how UVBs are determined. Plans in this small group must determine UVBs in the same manner (and using the same discount rate basis) as all other plans. In particular, under Section 402 of PPA 2006, certain plans may elect to use an 8.25% discount rate for funding purposes and other plans may elect to use an 8.85% discount rate. These rates may not be used to determine UVBs, even if the Alternative Premium Funding Target is elected.

#### This form is for illustrative purposes only.

| A        | mended filing 2008 PBGC Comprehensive Premium Filing Disaster Relief (enter code) _  |         |
|----------|--|---------|
|          | Part I — General Plan Information  |         |
| 1        | Plan sponsor information Check for name/address change   |         |
|          | a Name   |         |
|          | b Address line 1   |         |
|          | c Address line 2   |         |
|          | d City         e State         f Zip         g Country (if not U.S.)   |         |
|          | h Six digit business code i First six digits of CUSIP number   |         |
| 2        | Plan administrator information Check if same as plan sponsor and skip to item 3 Check for name/address change  |         |
|          | a Name   |         |
|          | b Address line 1   |         |
|          | c Address line 2   |         |
|          | d City         e State         f Zip         g Country (if not U.S.)   |         |
| 3        | Plan information   |         |
|          | a Plan name  |         |
|          | <b>b</b> Premium payment year information:   |         |
|          | (1) This filing is for the premium payment year commencing/_/ and ending/_/  |         |
|          | (2) If the plan year commencement date has changed since the most recent PBGC filing as a result of a plan amendment changing the year, enter the date the plan year change was adopted//  | e plan  |
|          | (3) Check box if plan qualifies to pay a prorated premium for this premium payment year (i.e., if plan has less than a full year of cover  | erage). |
|          | c Employer Identification Number and Plan Number information:  |         |
|          | (1) EIN and PN: EIN PN   |         |
|          | (2) If the EIN and PN are not both the same as on the most recent premium filing, enter EIN and PN from most recent premium filing: EIN PN Otherwise, skip to item 3c(3).  |         |
|          | (3) If the EIN and PN are not both the same as on the 2007 Form 5500, enter EIN and PN from 2007 Form 5500 and provide explanation of the same as a second | tion:   |
|          | EIN PN ExplanationOtherwise, skip to item  | 3d.     |
|          | d Plan type: Multiemployer Single-employer (including multiple-employer plans)   |         |
|          | e Plan size (based on prior year participant count): Small (fewer than 100) Mid-size (100-499) Large (500 or more) N/A; first year's filing  |         |
| 4        | Plan contact         Name:          ext  |         |
|          | E-mail address   |         |
| <u> </u> |  |         |
|          |  |         |

# Part II— Alternative Premium Funding Target Election

Single-employer plans only. Multiemployer plans – skip to Part III

5 Check box to indicate that the plan is electing to use the alternative premium funding target instead of the standard premium funding target, effective beginning with this premium payment year and for all subsequent premium years unless and until it is subsequently revoked.

Note that an election cannot be revoked for any premium payment year that begins less than five calendar years after the date the premium payment year reported in this filing begins. If an election is currently in effect, do not make an election again.

# Data to be Submitted

| Part III — Premium Information  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| 6 Flat-rate premium   |  |  |  |
| a Participant count date: Month Day Year  |  |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Flat-rate premium calculation  |  |  |  |
| (1) Applicable rate (Single-employer plans enter \$33; Multiemployer plans, enter \$9)  |  |  |  |
| (2) Participant count as of participant count date  |  |  |  |
| (3) Flat-rate premium (item 6b(1) x item 6b(2))   |  |  |  |
| 7 Variable-rate premium (VRP) - Single-employer plans only (Multiemployer plans – skip to item 8)   |  |  |  |
| a Exemptions — If an exemption applies, check applicable box and skip to item 8.  |  |  |  |
| No vested participants 412(e)(3) plan Standard termination with a proposed termination date of $_{-}/_{-}/_{-}$   |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>b VRP cap qualification — If this plan qualifies for the VRP cap applicable to certain plans of small employers (those with 25 or fewer employees), check box</li> <li>If box is checked, items 7c through 7g(1) may, but need not, be omitted.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| c UVB Valuation date: Month Day Year  |  |  |  |
| <b>d</b> Premium funding target information — Check box if the reported premium funding target information is an estimate.  |  |  |  |
| (1) Premium funding target method: Standard Alternative   |  |  |  |
| (2) Discount rate(s) 1 <sup>st</sup> segment% 2 <sup>nd</sup> segment% 3 <sup>rd</sup> segment% N/A, full yield curve used  |  |  |  |
| (3) Premium funding target as of UVB valuation date   |  |  |  |
| e Market value of assets as of UVB valuation date   |  |  |  |
| f Unfunded vested benefits (excess, if any, of item 7d(3) over item 7e, rounded up to the next \$1,000)   |  |  |  |
| g Variable-rate premium calculation   |  |  |  |
| If the plan does not qualify for the VRP cap, omit the following two items and skip to item 7g(3).  |  |  |  |
| (1) Variable-rate premium before reflecting the cap (item 7f x 0.009)   |  |  |  |
| (2) Maximum VRP (\$5 x item 6b(2) x item 6b(2))   |  |  |  |
| (3) Variable-rate premium   |  |  |  |
| If the plan does not qualify for the VRP cap, item 7f x 0.009.  |  |  |  |
| If the plan qualifies for the VRP cap, the lesser of item 7g(1) and 7g(2) or, if item 7g(1) was omitted, item 7g(2).  |  |  |  |
| 8 Premium proration (If the plan does not qualify for premium proration, skip to item 9)  |  |  |  |
| a Number of months (complete and partial) in the short plan year  |  |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Total premium before reflecting proration (item 6b(3) + item 7g(3), if applicable)   |  |  |  |
| 9 Total premium   |  |  |  |
| If the plan does not qualify for premium proration, item $6b(3)$ + item $7g(3)$ , if applicable   |  |  |  |
| If the plan qualifies for premium proration, item 8b x item 8a ÷ 12.  |  |  |  |
| <b>10 Premium credit</b> (including any payments already made for this premium payment year and any overpayment from prior plan year unless refund was requested)   |  |  |  |
| 11 Amount due (excess, if any, of item 9 over item 10)  |  |  |  |
| Payment method (paper filers only) Check enclosed Electronic funds transfer   |  |  |  |
| 12 Treatment of overpayment   |  |  |  |
| a Excess, if any, of item 10 over item 9  |  |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Treatment of balance (select one):   |  |  |  |
| Credit towards next year's premium Refund by check Refund by electronic funds transfer (preferred refund option)  |  |  |  |
| If you select a refund by electronic funds transfer, complete the following information:  |  |  |  |
| Type of account Checking Savings Bank routing number  |  |  |  |
| Account number Sub-account number (if any)  |  |  |  |

| Part IV — Miscellaneous Information   |      |  |  |  |
|---|------|--|--|--|
| Items that do not apply should be left blank  |      |  |  |  |
| 13 Final filing — If this is the last filing for this plan, enter the date of event _ / _ / and check box that that best describes why filing obligation is ceasing: Merger/Consolidation Trusteeship Distribution pursuant to termination Cessation of covered status  |      |  |  |  |
| 14 New and newly covered plans — If this filing is for a new plan or a newly-covered plan, report the plan effective date// the adoption date// and the plan coverage date//.   | е    |  |  |  |
| 15 Transfers from other plans — If another plan transferred assets or liabilities to this plan since the most recent comprehensive premium filing, provide the following information with respect to each plan from which assets or liabilities were transferred (if transfer involved a new newly-covered plan, see instructions).   | / or |  |  |  |
| EIN PN Date of transfer/_/ Type of transfer: Merger Consolidation Spinoff Oth   | ıer  |  |  |  |
| EIN PN Date of transfer/_/ Type of transfer: Merger Consolidation Spinoff Oth   | ıer  |  |  |  |
| If more than two transferor plans are involved, include the above information for each additional transferor plan as an attachment.   |      |  |  |  |
| 16 Transfers to other plans — If this plan transferred assets or liabilities to another plan since the most recent comprehensive premium filing provide the following information with respect to each plan to which the assets or liabilities were transferred (if transfer involved a new or newly-covered plan, see instructions). | Ι,   |  |  |  |
| EIN PN Date of transfer/_/ Type of transfer: Merger Consolidation Spinoff Ot  | ther |  |  |  |
| EIN PN Date of transfer/_/ Type of transfer: Merger Consolidation Spinoff Ot  | ther |  |  |  |
| If more than two transferee plans are involved, include the above information for each additional transferee plan as an attachment.   |      |  |  |  |
| 17 Participation freeze — If, as of the beginning of the premium payment year, this plan is closed to new entrants, enter the date the plan became closed to new entrants _ /_ /  |      |  |  |  |
| <b>18</b> Accrual freeze — If, as of the beginning of the premium payment year, benefit accruals under this plan are partially or totally frozen, enter the date the freeze became effective// and check box that best describes the nature of the freeze:  |      |  |  |  |
| For all participants, both pay and service are frozen For all participants, service is frozen, pay is not   |      |  |  |  |
| For some participants, both pay and service are frozen For some participants, service is frozen, pay is not   |      |  |  |  |
| Other (enter explanation)   |      |  |  |  |
| 19 Amended filing — Complete this item only if this is an amended filing  |      |  |  |  |
| a If either the first or last day of the premium payment year reported in this amended filing (item 3b(1)) differs from what was reported in the filing that is being amended, provide the dates that were reported in the original filing:   |      |  |  |  |
| Date premium payment year commenced/_/ Date premium payment year ended//  |      |  |  |  |
| b If the EIN and PN reported in this amended filing (item 3c(1)) are not both the same as what was reported in the filing that is being amended, enter the EIN and PN from the original filing: EIN PN  |      |  |  |  |
| c If the reason for amending the filing is other than reconciling an estimated variable-rate premium <u>and</u> the total premium reported in this amended filing (item 9) is less than the amount reported in the filing that is being amended provide an explanation of why an amended filing is necessary:                         |      |  |  |  |
|   |      |  |  |  |

| Part V — Certifications   |                   |  |  |
|---|-------------------|--|--|
| 1 Certification of Plan Administrator — The plan administrator must sign and complete this item.  |                   |  |  |
| I certify under penalty of perjury, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all the information in the filing is true, correct and complete and has been determined in accordance with the PBGC's premium regulations and instructions, except that if the filing reports an estimated premium funding target, the estimate is reasonable, takes into account the most current information available to the enrolled actuary, and has been determined in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and that if I received variable-rate premium information certified by an enrolled actuary for this filing, the variable-rate premium information in the filing is the same as the variable-rate premium information certified by the enrolled actuary. |                   |  |  |
| Name of person signing: First name  | Last name         |  |  |
|   | ext               |  |  |
| E-mail address  | Telephone         |  |  |
|   |                   |  |  |
| Signature   | Date              |  |  |
| 22 Certification of Enrolled Actuary — An enrolled actuary must sign and complete this item unless the plan is a multiemployer plan, is exempt from the variable-rate premium, or is eligible for and paying the maximum VRP and not reporting the uncapped VRP. I certify under penalty of perjury, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the variable-rate premium information in the filing is true, correct and complete and has been determined in accordance with PBGC's premium regulations and instructions; except that if the premiur funding target is estimated, the estimate is reasonable, takes into account the most current information available to me and has been determined in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices.           |                   |  |  |
| Name of person signing: First name  | Last name         |  |  |
| Firm  | ext<br>Telephone  |  |  |
| E-mail address  | Enrollment number |  |  |
|   |                   |  |  |
|   |                   |  |  |
| Signature   | Date              |  |  |

# Overview

This section provides a description of each required data element. It is presented in the same order as the "form" used to illustrate the data elements (see prior section). Item numbers are presented solely to facilitate understanding. The My PAA screens do not include item numbers. If you are using private sector software, item numbers may or may not be included. We recommend you review these instructions with a copy of the "form" in front of you.

### Note for plans with more than one plan year beginning in 2007 or 2008:

References in these instructions to the 2007 plan year (and to filings for the 2007 plan year) should be considered to refer to your plan's most recent complete plan year. For example, a plan that changes its plan year could have two plan years beginning in calendar 2008. When such a plan makes its premium filing(s) for its second 2008 plan year, the references in these instructions to the 2007 plan year (and to filings for the 2007 plan year) should be considered to refer to the plan's first 2008 plan year (and to filings for that plan year), because that is the plan's most recent complete plan year. Similarly, if your plan had two plan years beginning in calendar 2007, the references in these instructions to the 2007 plan year (and to filings for the 2007 plan year) should be considered to refer to the plan's second 2007 plan year, which is the plan's most recent complete plan year.

#### Note about reporting dollar amounts

With the exception of total premium, premium credits, the amount due PBGC, and the amount of any overpayment, money amounts reported should be in dollars only (no cents).

# Amended filing

Check this box only if you are amending a filing for a plan year that began in 2008. Note that a Variable-rate Premium reconciliation filing (in which you provide final Premium Funding Target information after having reported an estimated Premium Funding Target) is considered an amended filing.

If you amend a comprehensive filing for a reason other than reconciling an estimated Variable-rate Premium <u>and</u> the amended filing shows a lower premium than the amount that was originally reported, you must provide an explanation of the specific circumstances or events that caused the reduction.

If you are amending a filing for a plan year beginning before 2008, you must follow the instructions and regulations applicable for that plan year.

#### **Disaster relief**

From time to time, when major disasters occur, PBGC grants disaster relief by waiving late filing and payment penalties for certain plans. Disaster Relief Announcements are available on PBGC's Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>). If your plan is covered by a PBGC Disaster Relief Announcement for this premium filing, report the four-digit code provided in the applicable Disaster Relief Announcement.

# Instructions for Part I – General Plan Information.

#### **1** Plan sponsor information

 $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{g}$  Report the name and address of the Plan Sponsor. If either has changed since your last filing, check the box to report that fact.

- **h** Business Code Report the 6-digit code that best describes the nature of the employer's business. If more than one employer is involved, report the business code for the predominant business activity of all employers. A list of business codes is included in Appendix 4.
- i CUSIP number If a CUSIP number has been assigned to publicly traded securities of the Plan Sponsor or any member of the Plan Sponsor's controlled group, report the first 6 digits of the CUSIP number. Otherwise, leave this item blank.

A CUSIP number is a nine-digit number assigned to the publicly traded securities of a Plan Sponsor (or member of the Plan Sponsor's controlled group) under the securities numbering system of the Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures. The first six digits of the CUSIP number identify the securities issuer, the next two digits identify the specific securities issue, and the last digit is a check digit.

#### 2 Plan administrator information

Report the name and address of the Plan Administrator. Note that this is the address where we send official correspondence to the plan (e.g., an invoice for late payment charges). To keep our records current and enable us to send correspondence to the correct address, you should inform us of address changes as soon as they occur. You may do so by contacting us either in writing or by e-mail. See Appendix 2 for contact information.

If the Plan Administrator's name and address is the same as that of the Plan Sponsor, you may satisfy this requirement by checking the box to report that fact.

If the Plan Administrator's name or address has changed since your last filing, check the box to report that fact (even if you informed us of the change prior to submitting this filing).

#### **3** Plan information

- **a** Plan name Report the complete name of the plan as stated in the plan document. For example, "The ABC Company Pension Plan for Salaried Personnel."
- **b** Premium Payment Year information
  - (1) Report the date the Premium Payment Year commences and the date it ends. If you are filing for the first year of a New Plan, the Premium Payment Year commencement date ("PYC") should generally be the plan effective date.
  - (2) If the plan year beginning date has changed since the most recent PBGC filing as a result of a plan amendment changing the plan year, enter the adoption date of the plan year change.
  - (3) Check box if plan qualifies to pay a prorated premium for this Premium Payment Year. A plan qualifies to pay a prorated premium only if the Premium Payment Year is:
    - a short first year of a New or Newly-covered Plan;
    - a short year created by an amendment that changes the plan year (but note that an amendment is not considered to change the plan year if the plan merges into or

consolidates with another plan or otherwise ceases its independent existence either during the short plan year or at the beginning of the full plan year following the short plan year);

- a short year created by distribution of plan assets pursuant to plan termination; or
- a short year created by the appointment of a trustee for a Single-employer Plan under ERISA section 4042.

Note that the short year need not have ended by the time you pay a prorated premium, but if the plan year turns out to be longer than you anticipated, you will have to make up any premium underpayment, which will be subject to interest and penalties.

There is no premium proration where a plan ceases to be a covered plan before the end of the plan year.

- c Employer Identification Number (EIN) and Plan Number (PN) information
  - (1) Report the 9-digit EIN of the Plan Sponsor and the 3-digit PN of the plan.
  - (2) If the EIN and PN for this filing do not <u>both</u> match <u>exactly</u> the EIN and PN reported in the most recent premium filing, report <u>both</u> the EIN and PN that were reported in the most recent premium filing. If this is the first premium filing for this plan, leave this item blank.

Please note the following exceptions that apply only if this is an amended filing:

- If item 3c(2) was reported incorrectly in the original filing, provide the information that should have been reported in the original filing,
- If item 3c(2) was reported correctly in the original filing, provide the same information that was reported on the original filing.
- (3) If the EIN and PN for this filing do not <u>both</u> match <u>exactly</u> the EIN and PN reported in the 2007 Form 5500, report <u>both</u> the EIN and PN that were reported in the 2007 Form 5500, and attach an explanation. If a 2007 Form 5500 was not required, leave this item blank.
- **d** Plan type Indicate whether the plan is a Multiemployer Plan or a Single-employer Plan.
- e Plan size Premium due dates vary based on whether the plan is classified as a Small Plan, Mid-Size Plan, or Large Plan. Indicate which Plan-Size classification applies for the Premium Payment Year. Note that this classification is based on the Participant Count for the prior plan year (i.e., the number of participants for whom a Flat-rate Premium was owed for the prior year.) If this is a New Plan or a Newly-covered Plan, check the "N/A; first filing" box.
- **4 Plan contact** Report the name and phone number of the person we may contact if we have any questions concerning this filing. If this person has an e-mail address, report that e-mail address. If the filing is completed by a plan consultant, you may report the consultant's identifying information.

#### Part II – Alternative Premium Funding Target election

This Part applies only to Single-employer Plans. Multiemployer Plans should skip to Part III.

A plan may elect to use the Alternative Premium Funding Target to determine unfunded vested benefits instead of the Standard Premium Funding Target (see "How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits" section). Note that once an election is made, it remains in effect for all subsequent Premium Payment Years unless and until it is subsequently revoked. Therefore, if you are making an election with this filing, do not make an election again in a future filing.

# **Description of Data Elements**

An election cannot be revoked for any Premium Payment Year that begins less than five years after the beginning of the Premium Payment Year for which the election was first applicable. For example, if you make the election for a Premium Payment Year that begins on April 1, 2008, the Alternative Premium Funding Target must be used to determine unfunded vested benefits for all Premium Payment Years beginning before April 1, 2013. The plan may revoke the election first effective for any Premium Payment Year beginning on or after April 1, 2013, but unless the election is revoked, it will remain in place. My PAA will be modified in the future to allow for this revocation.

Note that if an election to use the Alternative Premium Funding Target is subsequently revoked, another election to use the Alternative Premium Funding Target cannot be made until five additional years have passed.

**5** Election — Check the box to indicate that the plan is making this election first effective for the current Premium Payment Year.

# **Part III – Premium Information**

#### 6 Flat-rate Premium

- **a** Report the Participant Count Date. See "How to Count Participants" section for special rules relating to New Plans, Newly-covered Plans, Mergers and Spinoffs.
- **b** Flat-rate Premium calculation
  - (1) Applicable rate Enter the per-participant flat premium rate. For 2008, the rate is \$33 for Single-employer Plans and \$8 for Multiemployer Plans.
  - (2) Participant count Report the total number of participants covered by the plan on the Participant Count Date. See "How to Count Participants" section.
  - (3) Flat-rate Premium Report the product of the Participant Count and the applicable premium rate. If the plan year is a short plan year, the required Flat-rate Premium may be a prorated portion of this amount; however, the amount reported in this item must reflect a full year's premium.

Note that the Flat-rate Premium may be \$0, but you must make a premium filing even if the Flatrate Premium is \$0. This may happen, for example, if your plan is a New Plan that grants no past service credits, so that there are no Benefit Liabilities on the Participant Count Date. A plan with no Benefit Liabilities has no participants for premium purposes.

# 7 Variable-rate Premium

This item relates to Variable-rate Premium information and applies only to Single-employer Plans.

In general, the Variable-rate Premium is \$9 per \$1,000, or fraction thereof, of unfunded vested benefits as of the UVB Valuation Date. For certain plans of small employers, this amount is capped at a specified amount (see item 7b).

Some Single-employer Plans are exempt from the Variable-rate Premium; others may have a Variable-rate Premium of \$0. In either case, this section must be completed in accordance with the following instructions.

- **a** Exemptions A Single-employer Plan may claim an exemption from the Variable-rate Premium only if it meets the requirements for one of the exemptions described below:
  - Plans with no vested participants Your plan qualifies for this exemption if the plan has no participants with vested benefits as of the UVB Valuation Date.

- Section 412(e)(3) plans (formerly called 412(i) plans) Your plan qualifies for this exemption if the plan is described in section 412(e)(3) of the Code and regulations thereunder on the UVB Valuation Date.
- Plans terminating in standard terminations Your plan qualifies for this exemption if notices of intent to terminate in a standard termination were issued in accordance with ERISA section 4041(a)(2), setting forth a proposed termination date (i.e., the 60- to 90-day prospective date) that is on or before the UVB Valuation Date. However, this exemption is conditional on the plan's ultimately making a final distribution of assets in full satisfaction of its obligations under the standard termination. If such a distribution is not made, this exemption does not apply and the premium(s) that would otherwise have been required will be due retroactive to the applicable due date(s).

If an exemption applies, check the applicable box to indicate which exemption applies and skip to item 8.

**b** Variable-rate Premium cap qualification — If the plan qualifies as a small-employer plan, the Variable-rate Premium is capped at a specified amount (based on the number of plan participants).

*Determining whether plan qualifies for the cap* — For this purpose:

- a plan is a small-employer plan if the aggregate number of employees of all contributing sponsors of the plan and all members of the contributing sponsors' controlled groups, as of the first day of the Premium Payment Year, is 25 or fewer,
- the aggregate number of employees is determined in the same manner as under section 410(b)(1) of the Code, taking into account the provisions of section 414(m) and (n) of the Code, but without regard to section 410(b)(3), (4), and (5) of the Code, and
- employees are counted as of the first day of the Premium Payment Year, not as of the Participant Count Date or the UVB Valuation Date.

Note that a plan with 25 or fewer participants does not necessarily qualify for the cap because the eligibility criterion is based on employees, not the Participant Count. For example, if a plan has 15 participants, but there are more than 25 employees (taking into account all employees of all contributing sponsors of the plan and all members of their controlled groups), the plan does not qualify for the cap.

Also note that a plan with more than 25 participants might qualify for the cap. For example, consider a contributing sponsor with 20 employees, all of whom are participants in a plan. If the plan also covers 15 former employees who are either terminated vested or retired, there are 35 participants in total. This plan would qualify for the cap (assuming there are no other contributing sponsors and no controlled group members).

Reporting requirements — If your plan qualifies for this cap, check the box to report that fact.

If your plan qualifies for this cap, instead of reporting both the uncapped Variable-rate Premium (\$9 per \$1,000 of unfunded vested benefits) and the maximum Variable-rate Premium and then paying the lesser of the two amounts, you <u>may</u> report and pay the maximum Variable-rate Premium. If you choose not to report the uncapped Variable-rate Premium, omit items 7c through 7g(1) and go directly to item 7g(2). Note that if you choose to pay the maximum Variable-rate Premium without determining whether it is less than the uncapped Variable-rate Premium, you may pay a larger Variable-rate Premium than required.

- c UVB Valuation Date Report the UVB Valuation Date for the Premium Payment Year.
- **d** Premium Funding Target information

The Premium Funding Target is the liability measure used to determine the Variable-rate Premium. It is similar to the funding target that is used to determine the minimum funding requirement for the Premium Payment Year, except that only vested benefits are taken into account. The assumptions used to determine this amount differ depending on which calculation method is used:

- With the standard method, the Premium Funding Target is calculated using the same assumptions used to determine the minimum required contribution for the Premium Payment Year with one exception. In lieu of the discount rates used for funding purposes, the discount rates are the segment rates for the month preceding the month in which the Premium Payment Year begins that are determined in accordance with ERISA section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iv).
- With the alternative method, the Premium Funding Target is calculated using exactly the same assumptions used to determine the minimum required contribution for the Premium Payment Year.

See "How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits" section for more information, including information on when certain types of benefits are considered vested.

*Note for Mid-size and Large Plans*— If the Premium Funding Target (and thus, the Variablerate Premium) being reported in this filing is an estimate, check the box to report that fact. Note that if you file on an estimated basis, you must ultimately make a reconciliation filing using the actual Premium Funding Target (by amending this filing). In the reconciliation filing, in addition to reporting the actual Premium Funding Target data, be sure to indicate that the reported amount is no longer an estimate by making sure the "estimate" box is no longer checked. See "Correcting Filings and Reconciling Estimates" section.

Note also that to qualify for the automatic penalty relief, the estimated Premium Funding Target must be certified by an enrolled actuary to be a reasonable estimate that:

- takes into account the most recent data available to the enrolled actuary, and
- has been determined in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles.

In addition, note that the election to use the Alternative Premium Funding Target for the first time must be made by the Variable-rate Premium due date and reported on the original comprehensive filing, even if the Premium Funding Target being reported is an estimate. The election is reported in the comprehensive filing.

See "Late Payment Charges" section for more information on the penalty relief available to Large and Mid-size Plans paying estimated Variable-rate Premiums on the due date.

(1) Premium Funding Target method — If you are using the Standard Premium Funding Target to determine unfunded vested benefits, check the "Standard" box. If you are using the Alternative Premium Funding Target to determine unfunded vested benefits, check the "Alternative" box.

Note that the standard method must be used unless an election to use the alternative method is in effect (see instructions for Part II). Also, note that if an election to use the alternative method is in effect, you must use the alternative method.

- (2) Report the discount rate(s) used to determine the Premium Funding Target. If you are using the:
  - Standard Premium Funding Target, these rates must be the segment rates for the month preceding the month in which the Premium Payment Year begins that are determined in accordance with ERISA section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iv) (i.e., the rates that would be determined under ERISA section 303(h)(2)(C) if ERISA section

303(h)(2)(D) were applied by using the monthly yields for the month preceding the month in which the Premium Payment Year begins on investment grade corporate bonds with varying maturities, and in the top 3 quality levels, rather than the average of such yields for a 24-month period). These rates are available at <u>www.pbgc.gov</u>.

- Alternative Premium Funding Target, these rates must be identical to the rates that are used to determine the minimum required contribution for the Premium Payment Year as reported in item 21a of the 2008 Schedule SB, Form 5500. This includes any elections with respect to the optional phase-in from the prior current liability discount rate, the applicable month, and the option to use the full yield curve in lieu of segment rates. If the full yield curve is used for this purpose, rather than reporting the full yield curve, check the box to report that fact.
- (3) Report the Premium Funding Target (dollars only). Note that if you are using the Alternative Premium Funding Target, the amount reported is generally equal to the total funding target reported in the 2008 Schedule SB (item 3d) reduced by the non-vested portion of the total funding target (item 3c(1)) reported in that same Schedule.
- e Market value of assets Report the fair market value of plan assets (dollars only) as of the UVB Valuation Date for the Premium Payment Year adjusted to reflect contribution receipts as follows:

#### Adjustments for prior year contributions

If contributions for the prior plan year were made after the UVB Valuation Date and before the date the premium filing is made, increase the market value to include such contributions. For Premium Payment Years beginning in 2008, such prior year contributions are included without any discounting. For Premium Payment Years beginning after 2008, prior year contributions are discounted to the UVB Valuation Date, using the effective interest rate for the plan year for which the contributions were made.

#### Adjustments for current year contributions

If contributions for the current plan year were made before the UVB Valuation Date, decrease the market value by the adjusted value of these current year contributions. (Note – this can happen only if the UVB Valuation Date is after the beginning of the plan year). For this adjustment, such contributions are increased to the UVB Valuation Date using the ERISA section 303(h)(2)(A) effective interest rate for the current plan year.

#### Interest adjustments

For both interest adjustments noted above, use the effective interest rate determined under ERISA section 303(h)(2)(A) and reported in item 5 of Schedule SB for the plan year for which the contributions were made.

#### Comparison to asset value reported on Schedule SB

In general, the asset value reported here must be the same as the market value of assets reported in the 2008 Schedule SB (item 2a). The amounts would differ only if a premium filing is made before the premium filing due date and prior year contributions are made after the premium filing is made (and thus not included in assets).

- **f** Unfunded vested benefits Report the excess (rounded up to the next \$1,000), if any, of the Premium Funding Target over the fair market value of assets.
- **g** Variable-rate Premium calculation (If the plan does not qualify for the Variable-rate-Premium cap, skip to item 7g(3).)

- (1) Variable-rate Premium before reflecting the cap Report the product of 0.009 and the amount of unfunded vested benefits. *If the plan does not qualify for the Variable-rate-Premium cap, this item must be left blank.*
- (2) Maximum Variable-rate Premium The maximum Variable-rate Premium is \$5 times the square of the plan's Participant Count. Report the product of the Participant Count multiplied by the Participant Count multiplied by \$5. *If the plan does not qualify for the Variable-rate-Premium cap, this item must be left blank.*
- (3) Variable-rate Premium
  - If the plan does not qualify for the Variable-rate Premium cap, report the product of 0.009 and the amount of unfunded vested benefits.
  - If the plan qualifies for the Variable-rate Premium cap, report the lesser of the Variable-rate Premium before reflecting the cap and the maximum Variable-rate Premium, or, if you choose not to calculate/report the Variable-rate Premium before reflecting the cap, report the maximum Variable-rate Premium.

If this is a short plan year of coverage, the required Variable-rate Premium may be a prorated portion of this amount; however, the full year's premium amount must be reported in this item.

#### 8 Premium proration (If the plan does not qualify for premium proration, skip to item 9.)

**a** Number of months in the short plan year — Report the number of months (complete and partial) in the short plan year. For this purpose, each plan month (i.e., each month in the plan year) generally begins on the same day of each successive calendar month. For example, if the plan year begins on July 1, the first day of each successive calendar month is the beginning of a new month; similarly, if the plan year begins on January 15, the second plan month begins on February 15, the third plan month on March 15, etc. Thus, if a short final year begins on January 1 and ends on June 1, there would be six (full or partial) months in the short year. (The last (partial) month, beginning (and ending) on June 1, would count as a full month for purposes of prorating the premium.) Similarly, if a short first year begins on July 31 and ends on December 31, there also would be six (full or partial) months in the short year.

There are two special rules when a plan year begins at or near the end of a calendar month:

- If the plan year begins on the last day of a calendar month, successive plan months begin on the last day of successive calendar months. For example, if the plan year begins on November 30, successive plan months begin on December 31, January 31, the last day of February (the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>), March 31, etc.
- If the plan year begins on the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of a calendar month other than February, the plan month beginning in February begins on the last day of February. For example, if the plan year begins on November 29, successive plan months begin on December 29, January 29, the last day of February (the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>), March 29, etc. If the plan year begins on December 30, successive plan months begin on January 30, the last day of February (the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>), March 30, April 30, etc.

*Counting months for New and Newly-covered Plans* — The short first year of a New Plan is treated as beginning on the Participant Count Date (i.e., the plan effective date). The short first year of a Newly-covered Plan is treated as beginning on the date when the plan becomes covered under ERISA section 4021.

*Counting months for terminating plans* — The (short) plan year of a terminating plan's final year is treated as ending on:

- for a Multiemployer Plan that distributed all its assets pursuant to ERISA section 4041A, the date the distribution is completed; or
- for a Single-employer Plan, the earlier of:
  - the date on which the distribution of the plan's assets in satisfaction of all Benefit Liabilities was completed; or
  - the date that a trustee for the terminating plan was appointed under ERISA section 4042.
- **b** Total premium before proration Report the sum of the Flat-rate Premium and, if applicable, the Variable-rate Premium.

**9 Total premium** — The total premium is determined as follows:

- If the plan does not qualify for premium proration, report the sum of the Flat-rate Premium and, if applicable, the Variable-rate Premium.
- If the plan qualifies for premium proration, multiply the total premium before reflecting proration by the number of months (complete and partial) in the short plan year and then divide by 12. Round to two decimal places <u>after</u> completing the calculation.

If this amount includes cents, report the exact amount (dollars and cents), not a rounded amount.

#### 10 Premium credit

Report the total amount of premium credits available to offset the premium due. Premium credits include:

- Any overpayment of the 2007 premium filing for which a refund was not requested,
- Estimated 2008 Flat-rate Premium paid earlier in the year (Large Plans only), and
- Any other payments made for 2008 (including an estimated Variable-rate Premium for a Large or Mid-size Plan when amending the filing to reconcile the estimate. See "Correcting Filings and Reconciling Estimates" section).

If this amount includes cents, report the exact amount (dollars and cents), not a rounded amount.

11 Amount due — If the total premium due equals or exceeds the total premium credit, subtract the total credit from the total premium and report the result as the amount due. This is the amount you owe PBGC. See Appendix 3 for information on payment options.

If you received an exemption from e-filing, check the box to report whether payment will be made by check or by electronic funds transfer (EFT).

If this amount includes cents, report the exact amount (dollars and cents), not a rounded amount.

#### **12 Treatment of Overpayment**

- **a** If the total premium is less than the total premium credit, subtract the total premium from the total credit and report the result as an overpayment.
- **b** If you have an overpayment, you must choose whether to have the overpayment refunded (by check or electronic funds transfer) or credited towards the next year's premium for the plan. Report your choice by checking the appropriate box.

If you request to use the overpayment as a credit towards next year's premium for the plan, you should claim the overpayment amount as a credit on the next year's premium filing for the plan.

If you prefer a refund to a credit, the quickest way to receive your refund is to select the electronic funds transfer option. We strongly recommend this option. To facilitate an electronic funds transfer, indicate whether the account is a checking account or savings account, and provide the bank routing number and account number to which the refund is to be credited. If you want the refund credited to a sub-account within the main account, also provide the sub-account number.

If this amount includes cents, report the exact amount (dollars and cents), not a rounded amount.

# Instructions for Part IV – Miscellaneous Information

### **13** Final premium filing

If this is the last premium filing for this plan, indicate the reason: (1) that the plan merged or consolidated with another plan, (2) that the plan was trusteed under ERISA section 4042, (3) that the plan completed a distribution pursuant to termination, or (4) that the plan ceased to be a covered plan.

Report the date of the event that led to the cessation of the requirement to file. If the reason this is the last premium filing is because:

- the plan merged or consolidated into another plan, report the effective date of the Merger or Consolidation;
- the plan terminated in an involuntary or distress termination, report the effective date of the trusteeship;
- there was a distribution of assets pursuant to a termination:
  - for a Single-employer Plan that completed a standard termination, report the date on which the distribution of the plan's assets in satisfaction of all Benefit Liabilities was completed, or
  - for a Multiemployer Plan that distributed all its assets pursuant to ERISA section 4041A, report the date the distribution is completed;
- the plan ceased to be covered by Title IV of ERISA, report the date coverage ceased.

### 14 New or Newly-covered plans

If this plan is a New Plan or a Newly-covered Plan, report the plan effective date, the Plan Adoption Date, and the plan coverage date. The plan coverage date is the date the plan first became covered under Title IV. If another plan transferred assets or liabilities to this New or Newly-covered Plan, be sure to complete the "Transfers from other plans" item (see item 15).

### **15** Transfers from other plans

# **Description of Data Elements**

*Pre-existing plans* — If another plan transferred assets or liabilities to this plan <u>since the date</u> <u>of the most recent comprehensive premium filing</u> (or, if this is a filing for a Premium Payment Year beginning in 2008, since the date of the 2007 "final filing"), report the EIN and PN of the plan from which the assets were transferred (i.e., the "transferor plan").

*New Plans* — If this plan is a New Plan and another plan transferred assets or liabilities to this plan <u>in conjunction with the creation of this plan</u>, report the EIN and PN of the plan from which the assets were transferred.

*Newly-covered Plans* — If this plan is a Newly-covered Plan and another plan transferred assets or liabilities to this plan <u>on or after the date the plan became covered and before the date the premium filing is made</u>, report the EIN and PN of the plan from which the assets were transferred.

In all cases, report the date of the transfer and check the box that best describes the type of transfer (see definitions of Merger, Spinoff, and Consolidation). For this purpose, the date of transfer is the date the transfer went into effect.

*Example* — A Merger agreement between two calendar-year plans (Plans A and B) provides that participants of Plan A will cease accruing benefits under Plan A and begin coverage and benefit accruals under Plan B as of January 1, 2008, and that the obligation to pay benefits to Plan A participants will pass from Plan A to Plan B as of that date. The agreement also provides that Plan A's assets will be transferred to Plan B's account as soon as practicable. The transfer does not actually occur until February 17, 2008. If you are preparing a comprehensive premium filing for Plan B for Plan B's 2008 Premium Payment Year, report "01/01/2008" as the date of transfer.

Note that the date of a transfer is determined based on the facts and circumstances of the particular situation. (For transfers subject to section 414(l) of the Code, report the date determined under 26 CFR 1.414(l)-1(b)(11).)

If the transfer is the result of something other than a Merger, Spinoff, or Consolidation, for example, a reciprocity arrangement where assets and liabilities are transferred between two plans when an employee changes locations or changes status (e.g., from Salaried to Hourly and as a result becomes covered by another plan), check the "Other" box. Also check the "Other" box if you have no way of determining whether the transferor plan ceased to exist in connection with a Merger or Consolidation into your plan.

If more than one transferor plan is involved, provide the above information with respect to each transferor plan.

If, at the time you submit your filing, you are not aware that a transfer had occurred and you subsequently discover that a reportable transfer had occurred, you must amend the original filing to report the corrected information.

### 16 Transfers to other plans

*Pre-existing plans* — If this plan transferred assets or liabilities to another plan since the date of the most recent comprehensive premium filing (or, if this is a filing for a Premium Payment Year beginning in 2008, since the date of the 2007 "final filing"), report the EIN and PN of the plan to which the assets were transferred (i.e., the "transferee plan"). In addition, report the date of transfer and check the box that best describes the type of transfer.

*New Plans* — If this plan is a New Plan and this plan transferred assets or liabilities to another plan <u>on or after the earlier of the Plan Adoption Date and the effective date</u>, and before the date <u>the premium filing is made</u>, report the EIN and PN of the plan to which the assets were transferred and the type of transfer.

*Newly-covered Plans* — If this plan is a Newly-covered Plan and this plan transferred assets or liabilities to another plan <u>on or after the date the plan became covered and before the date the premium filing is made</u>, report the EIN and PN of the plan to which the assets were transferred and the type of transfer.

In all cases, if more than one transferee plan is involved, provide the above information with respect to each transferor plan. See instructions to item 15 for more information on what is to be reported for "date of transfer."

If, at the time a filing is made, you are not aware that a transfer had occurred and you subsequently discover that a reportable transfer had occurred, you must amend the original filing to report the corrected information.

*Example* — Until November 1, 2007, Plan E covered employees at Division 1. As a result of the sale of Division 1 to another sponsor (Employer X), assets and liabilities are spun off from Plan E to Plan F (a plan sponsored by the new owner) effective November 1, 2007. If you are preparing a 2008 comprehensive premium filing for Plan E, report Employer X's EIN and the PN of Plan F. In addition, check the "Spinoff" box to report that the transfer occurred as the result of a Spinoff and report "11/01/2007" as the date of transfer.

# **17 Participation freeze**

If, as of the beginning of the Premium Payment Year, the plan provides that participation is limited to participants who were covered by the plan as of a specified date (i.e., the plan is closed to new entrants), enter the date the plan became closed to new entrants.

# 18 Benefit accrual freeze

If, as of the beginning of the Premium Payment Year, the plan is partially or totally frozen for benefit accrual purposes, enter the date the freeze became effective and indicate the nature of the freeze by reporting whether (1) both pay and service are frozen for <u>all</u> participants, (2) both pay and service are frozen for <u>some</u> participants, (3) for <u>all</u> participants, service is frozen, but pay is not, (4) for <u>some</u> participants, service is frozen, but pay is not, (4) for <u>some</u> participants, service is frozen, but pay is not, or (5) some other type of accrual freeze is in effect (in which case you must provide a description of the freeze).

If more than one description applies (for example, if pay and service are frozen for employees at location X and only service is frozen for employees at location Y), select "Other" and provide a description.

If more than one freeze has occurred, report the date and nature of the most recent freeze.

**19 Amended filings** — Complete this item only if this is an amended filing.

- a If either first day or the last day of the premium payment year reported in this amended filing (item 3b(1)) differs from what was reported in the filing that is being amended, provide the dates that were reported in the original filing.
- b If the EIN and PN reported in this amended filing (item 3c(1)) are not both the same as what was reported in the filing that is being amended, report the EIN and PN from the original filing.
- c. If this is an amended filing for a reason other than reconciling an estimated Variable-rate Premium <u>and</u> the amended filing shows a lower premium than the amount that was originally reported, provide an explanation of the specific circumstances or events that caused the reduction.

## 20 Attachments (paper filers only)

If any additional information is included as an attachment to this filing, check the box to report that fact. Examples of required attachments include: explanation of why you are submitting a paper filing if you have not received an e-filing exemption; explanation of lower premium amount if filing is an amendment to a prior filing; transfer information if more than two plans are involved; explanation if EIN or PN differs from most recent 5500 filing; etc.

Be sure to show the EIN/PN for this filing and the date the Premium Payment Year commenced (identified as "PYC") at the top of each attachment.

## Instructions for Part V – Certifications

## 21 Plan Administrator Certification

All of the information reported in this filing must be certified by the Plan Administrator. Follow the certification instructions for the electronic filing method that is used to make the filing. Be sure to provide the Plan Administrator's name and the telephone number. If the Plan Administrator has an e-mail address, that address must also be reported.

### 22 Enrolled Actuary Certification

An enrolled actuary must certify the Variable-rate Premium calculation unless:

- The plan is a Multiemployer plan (and thus, there is no Variable-rate Premium).
- The plan is a Single-employer Plan and is either:
  - exempt from the Variable-rate Premium, or
  - eligible for and paying the maximum Variable-rate Premium (and not reporting the regular Variable-rate Premium).

Be sure to provide the enrolled actuary's name, firm and telephone number. If the enrolled actuary has an e-mail address, that address must also be reported.

The actuary must follow the certification instructions for the electronic filing method that is used to make the filing.

# General

If you file a premium payment after the due date, we will bill the plan for late charges. The late charges include both interest and penalty charges. The charges are based on the outstanding premium amount due on the due date. If your due date is extended because it falls on a weekend or federal holiday, and your premium payment is filed after the extended due date, interest and penalty will be computed from the actual (unextended) due date. PBGC also may assess penalties under ERISA section 4071 for failure to timely provide premium-related information.

# Late Payment Interest Charges

The late payment interest charge is set by ERISA, and we cannot waive it. Interest accrues at the rate imposed under section 6601(a) of the Code (the rate for late payment of taxes) and is compounded daily. The rate is established periodically (currently on a quarterly basis), and PBGC publishes the interest rates on or about the 15th of January, April, July, and October in the Federal Register. The rates are also posted on PBGC's Web site (www.pbgc.gov).

# Late Payment Penalty Charges

The late payment penalty charge is established by us, subject to ERISA's restriction that the penalty not exceed 100 percent of the unpaid premium amount. Subject to this cap, the penalty is a percentage of the unpaid amount for each month (or portion of a month) it remains unpaid with a minimum penalty of \$25. The monthly rate is higher or lower depending on whether the premium underpayment is "self-corrected." The penalty rate is 1 percent of the late premium payment per month if the late payment is made on or before the date when PBGC issues a written notification indicating that there is or may be a premium delinquency (for example, a statement of account (premium invoice), a past-due-filing notice, or a letter initiating an audit). A penalty rate of 5 percent per month applies to payments made after the PBGC notification date.

# **Minimizing Late Payment Charges**

If you cannot make a comprehensive filing by the due date because you are having difficulty determining some of the required information, you can minimize late payment charges by submitting payment (the amount due or an estimate) without submitting the certified comprehensive filing. If you choose to do this, you must pay by check or wire transfer outside of My PAA (see Appendix 3). The payment should be clearly identified with the Employer Identification Number (EIN), Plan Number (PN) and the plan year commencement date (PYC) for the plan. You should then submit your certified filing as soon as possible.

PBGC does not recommend this procedure. We may assess a penalty under ERISA section 4071 for failure to furnish premium-related information by the required due date, and making a premium payment without an accompanying premium information filing may cause significant delay in providing a statement of account for the plan. However, when the information filing is ultimately made, the payment will be credited as of the date it was filed and thus stop the accrual of late payment charges on the amount paid.

# Saturday, Sunday, and Federal Holidays

As explained in the "When to File" section, if your premium filing due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, it is extended automatically to the next business day. However, if your premium

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payment is filed after the extended due date, interest and penalties will be computed from the actual (unextended) due date.

*Example* — The Flat-rate and Variable-rate Premium for a Small Plan with a plan year beginning on July 1, 2008, normally would be due on October 31, 2009. Because that day is a Saturday, the due date is Monday, November 2, 2009. If your filing is made on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, any applicable late payment charges will be computed from Saturday, October 31, 2009, not November 2, 2009.

## **Penalty Waivers**

### Statutory Waivers

Before the filing due date, if you can show substantial hardship and that you will be able to pay the premium within 60 days after the filing due date, you may request that we waive the late payment penalty charge. If we grant your request, we will waive the late payment penalty charge for up to 60 days. To request a waiver, write to the address provided in Appendix 2.

### Reasonable Cause Waivers

Waivers of the late payment penalty charge may also be granted based on a demonstration of reasonable cause. If you wish to request such a waiver, contact PBGC after you receive a statement of account (premium invoice) assessing penalties. If a waiver is denied or granted to a lesser extent than requested, you may submit a request for reconsideration. See Appendix 2 for information on where to send a request for a penalty waiver or reconsideration.

Failure to obtain premium instructions from PBGC is not reasonable cause for a waiver.

### Automatic Penalty Waiver for Late Flat-rate Premiums – Large Plans

The Flat-rate Premium owed for a plan year is based on the number of plan participants as of the Participant Count Date. However, a Large Plan may not have an accurate Participant Count by its Flat-rate Premium due date, which falls early in the year (generally the end of February in the Premium Payment Year for calendar-year plans). For this reason, PBGC permits Large Plans to compute the amount owed on the basis of an estimated Participant Count. However, a Large Plan's full Flat-rate Premium (not merely an estimate) is due by the plan's Flat-rate Premium due date. If the full amount due is not paid by that date, the plan will be subject to late payment interest charges and may also be subject to late payment penalty charges.

If you make an estimated Flat-rate Premium filing (based on an estimate of the plan's Participant Count), you must reconcile that filing by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the tenth full calendar month following the end of the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year (October 15<sup>th</sup> of the Premium Payment Year for calendar-year plans).

No penalty will be charged (although interest will be charged) until the date the flat-rate reconciliation filing is due if the premium (based on an estimated Participant Count) that you pay by the Flat-rate Premium due date equals at least the lesser of:

- 90 percent of the full Flat-rate Premium, or
- an amount equal to the Participant Count for the year before the Premium Payment Year multiplied by the applicable flat premium rate for the Premium Payment Year. This test will be met if the amount paid is sufficient using either the actual Participant Count for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year or a smaller count that was erroneously reported.

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In addition, no penalty will be charged (although interest will be charged) until the date the reconciliation is due if you did not make a Flat-rate Premium payment by the Large Plan Flat-rate Premium due date because either:

- you erroneously reported fewer than 500 participants for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year, or
- the due date for paying the Flat-rate Premium for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year is later than the due date for paying the Flat-rate Premium for the Premium Payment Year. This could happen, for example, if a calendar-year plan were new for Year 1 (and thus had a Year 1 due date of April 30 of Year 2) and had 550 participants for Year 1, making it a Large Plan for Year 2 (with a Year 2 Flat-rate Premium due date of February 28 of Year 2). This could happen for 2008 only if a plan had two years beginning in 2008 (one of which would be a short year).

For purposes of determining whether a penalty is due, the Participant Count "erroneously reported" for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year refers to the premium filing (or last amended filing) for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year made to PBGC by the Flat-rate Premium due date for the Premium Payment Year. See the separate instructions for Estimated Flat-rate Premiums for Large Plans for more details.

If you have an accurate Participant Count for a Large Plan by the time the Flat-rate Premium is due, you should pay the amount owed by that date. If you do so, you will avoid the interest charge and any penalty charge.

If you have all the information needed to make a comprehensive filing by the date the Flat-rate Premium is due, you may make a comprehensive filing at that time.<sup>7</sup> If you make an estimated filing, you will still be required to make a comprehensive filing by the date the Flat-rate Premium reconciliation filing is due.

# Automatic Penalty Waiver for Late Variable-Rate Premiums – Large and Mid-size Plans

The Variable-Rate Premium owed for a plan year is based on the Premium Funding Target as of the UVB Valuation Date. However, a Large or Mid-size Plan may not be able to calculate an accurate Premium Funding Target by its Variable-rate Premium due date (generally October 15<sup>th</sup> of the Premium Payment Year for calendar-year plans). For this reason, PBGC permits Large and Mid-size Plans to compute the Variable-Rate Premium owed on the basis of an estimated Premium Funding Target. However, a Large or Mid-size Plan's full Variable-rate Premium (not merely an estimate) is due by the plan's Variable-rate Premium due date. If the full amount due is not paid by that date, the plan will be subject to late payment interest charges and may also be subject to late payment penalty charges.

If you make an estimated Variable-rate Premium filing, you must reconcile that filing by the last day of the 16th full calendar month following the end of the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year (April 30<sup>th</sup> following the Premium Payment Year for calendar-year plans).

No penalty will be charged (although interest will be charged) until the date the reconciliation is due or (if earlier) the date the reconciliation filing is made if, by the plan's Variable-rate Premium due date:

- You report:
  - The fair market value of the plan's assets for the Premium Payment Year, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Note — For Large plans with Flat-rate Premium due dates early in the year (for example, a calendar-year Large Plan), My PAA might not be updated to accept comprehensive filings by the time the Flat-rate Premium is due. This will likely be the case for 2008. In such cases, it will be necessary to submit an estimated Flat-rate Premium filing and then reconcile that filing later in the year (when the comprehensive filing is made).

- An estimate of the Premium Funding Target that is certified by an enrolled actuary to be a reasonable estimate that:
  - takes into account the most current data available to the enrolled actuary;
  - has been determined in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices; and
  - uses the calculation methodology (alternative or standard) in effect for the plan year; and
- You pay at least the amount of Variable-rate Premium determined from the value of assets and estimated Premium Funding Target so reported.

Note that the fair market value of the plan's assets that you report must be final, not an estimate. If you subsequently make an amended filing reflecting a different value of assets, this penalty relief will be lost. However, PBGC will consider a request for an appropriate penalty waiver in such a situation and in acting on the request will consider such facts and circumstances as the reason for the mistake, whether assets were over- or understated, and, if assets were overstated, the extent of the overstatement.

In addition, note that the election to use the Alternative Premium Funding Target must be made by the Variable-rate Premium due date even if the Premium Funding Target being reported is an estimate. The election is reported on the original comprehensive filing. The reconciliation filing serves to finalize a previously estimated Premium Funding Target; it does not afford an opportunity to elect the alternative method after the due date for such election (or to revoke a prior election after the due date for such revocation).

If you know the final Premium Funding Target for a Mid-size or Large Plan by the time the Variable-rate Premium is due, you should pay the amount owed by that date. If you do so, you will avoid the interest charge and any penalty charge. If you report that you are making a filing based on an estimated Premium Funding Target, you will be required to make an amended filing reflecting the actual Premium Funding Target by the date the variable-rate reconciliation filing is due.

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## Making Payment Without Filing Information

If you make a premium payment without filing the related premium information, file the information as soon as possible to get proper credit for your payment and minimize any late filing penalty. Follow the instructions in this document or in My PAA for identifying your payment so that we can associate it with your information filing.

# Filing Information Without Making Required Payment

If you make a filing of premium information without making a required payment, send the payment as soon as possible to minimize late payment charges. Follow the instructions in this document or in My PAA for identifying your payment so that we can associate it with your information filing.

## Amended Filings

If, after submitting a filing, you discover an error has been made (e.g., originally reported information is incorrect), you must amend the filing to report the correct information even if the correction has no impact on the premium amount. A filing can be amended by resubmitting the filing with the corrected information. Be sure to indicate that the filing is an amendment to a previously submitted filing (see "Description of Data Elements" section).

In the amended filing, report all of the required information, including information that was correct in the original filing. Include as credits all the credits you previously claimed plus the amount you paid with your original filing. If the originally reported premium:

- was too low, the additional premium due will equal the excess of the revised total premium amount over the revised total credit. Pay the additional premium due when you submit your amended filing. In this case, late payment interest charges will apply and late payment penalty charges may apply. You will receive an invoice for these charges after your amended filing is received. You may include payment of anticipated late payment charges when you pay the additional premium, but the amount reported on the amended filing should reflect only the additional premium due.
- <u>was too high</u>, the overpayment will equal the excess of the revised total credit over the revised total premium. Indicate whether you want the overpayment refunded or applied to the next year's premium for the plan.

If you request that an overpayment be applied to the next year's premium, you should claim the amount of the overpayment as a credit on the next year's premium filing for the plan. If you want a refund by electronic funds transfer, provide the necessary information; we will make the transfer through the automated clearing house (ACH) system. A request for a refund must be made within the period specified in the applicable statute of limitations (generally six years after the overpayment was made).

If there are unpaid premiums, interest, or penalties for your plan for prior years, you may request PBGC to apply all or part of an overpayment toward payment of those unpaid prior year amounts. Such a request should be made in writing (e-mail, letter or fax — see Appendix 2). Note that an overpayment for one plan cannot be applied to offset an underpayment on another plan.

*Required explanation if premium amount decreases:* If you amend a comprehensive filing for a reason other than reconciling an estimated Variable-rate Premium <u>and</u> the amended filing shows a lower premium than the amount that was originally reported, you must provide an explanation of

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the specific circumstances or events that caused the reduction. (For example, if your original final filing's Participant Count included employees at a division that is not covered by the plan, you would explain why the employees were erroneously counted as participants and how the error was discovered.)

Note that if you are amending a filing for an earlier year, you must follow the instructions for that year except that current mailing and Electronic Funds Transfer addresses should be used instead of the addresses that were included in the instructions for the original filing. Prior year instructions are available at <u>www.pbgc.gov</u>.

## **Reconciling Estimates**

For Large and Mid-size Plans that filed an estimated Variable-rate Premium, the reconciliation is made by amending the filing that included the Variable-rate Premium estimate.

See "Description of Data Elements" section for additional information on how to reconcile an estimated Variable-rate Premium.

For Large Plans, the Flat-rate Premium reconciliation filing is due on the same date the comprehensive premium filing is due. The comprehensive premium filing is designed to enable you to reconcile an estimate Flat-rate Premium and report the other premium information (Variable-rate Premium data, miscellaneous data, etc.) as part of the same filing.

Failure to reconcile these estimates in a timely manner will result in late payment charges if the estimate to be reconciled was too low. PBGC may also assess penalties under ERISA section 4071 for failure to reconcile estimated premium filings by the reconciliation due date.

# **Recordkeeping Requirements**

Plan Administrators are required to retain all plan records that are necessary to establish, support and validate the amount of any PBGC premium required to be paid and any information required to be reported. The records must include calculations and other data prepared by an enrolled actuary, the Plan Sponsor, and an employer required to contribute to the plan with respect to its employees; or for a plan described in section 412(e)(3) of the Code, by the insurer from which the insurance contracts are purchased. The records must be kept for six years after the premium due date.

Records that must be retained include, but are not limited to, records that establish the number of plan participants and the amount of unfunded vested benefits on which the Variable-rate Premium is based. Records retained pursuant to this paragraph must be made available or submitted to PBGC promptly upon request. If a record to be produced for PBGC inspection and copying exists in more than one format, it must be produced in the format that PBGC specifies.

Records also include, but are not limited to, plan documents; participant data records; personnel and payroll records; actuarial tables, worksheets, and reports; records of computations, projections, and estimates; benefit statements, disclosures, and applications; financial and tax records; insurance contracts; records of plan procedures and practices; and any other records, whether in written, electronic, or other format, that are relevant to the determination of the amount of any premium required to be paid or any premium-related information required to be reported.

## **PBGC** Audits

We may audit any premium filing; inspect and copy any records that are relevant to the determination of the amount of any premium required to be paid and any premium-related information required to be reported; and require disclosure and demonstration of any system used to determine any premium required to be paid or premium-related information required to be reported, so that PBGC can assess the system's effectiveness and reliability.

If we determine upon audit that the full amount of the premium due was not paid, late payment interest charges under §4007.7 of the Premium Regulations and late payment penalty charges under §4007.8 of the Premium Regulations will apply to the unpaid balance from the premium due date to the date of payment (see "Late Payment Charges" section for more information on penalties and interest for late payment of premiums).

If, in our judgment, the plan's records fail to establish the number of participants with respect to whom premiums were required, we may rely on data we obtain from other sources (including the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Labor) for presumptively establishing the number of plan participants for premium computation purposes. Similarly, if, in our judgment, the plan's records fail to establish the unfunded vested benefits amount reported in the premium filing, we may rely on data we obtain from other sources for estimating the unfunded vested benefits for premium computation purposes.

In addition to penalties for late payment of premiums, we may assess a penalty under ERISA section 4071 for failure to furnish premium-related information by required due dates.

The following terms are used throughout the instructions.

# "Alternative Premium Funding Target" – see "Premium Funding Target"

**"Benefit Liabilities"** means all liabilities with respect to employees and their beneficiaries under the plan (within the meaning of Code section 401(a)(2)). Thus, Benefit Liabilities include liabilities for all accrued benefits, whether or not vested. In addition, a plan's Benefit Liabilities include liabilities for ancillary benefits not directly related to retirement benefits, such as disability benefits not in excess of the qualified disability benefit, life insurance benefits payable as a lump sum, incidental death benefits, or current life insurance protection (see Treasury Regulation § 1.411(a)-7(a)(1)).

"**Consolidation**" means a transaction in which two or more plans transfer <u>all</u> of their assets and liabilities to a New Plan and, as a result, cease to exist (because the transferor plans become part of the new transferee plan). It differs from a Merger because in a Merger, the transferee plan existed before the transaction. In a Consolidation, the transferee plan is a New Plan that is created in the Consolidation. Thus, the plan that exists after a Consolidation follows the premium filing rules for New Plans.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"**EIN**" means Employer Identification Number. It is always a 9-digit number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service for tax purposes.

"**ERISA**" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

**"Flat-rate Premium"** means the portion of the premium determined by multiplying the flat premium rate by the number of participants in the plan on the Participant Count Date. The perparticipant flat premium rate for plan years beginning in 2008 is \$33 for Single-employer Plans and \$9 for Multiemployer Plans.

"**Form 5500 Series**" means Form 5500, Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan, jointly developed by the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor, and PBGC.

"Large Plan" – See "Plan Size"

"**Merger**" means a transaction in which one or more plans transfer <u>all</u> of their assets and liabilities to an existing plan and, as a result, cease to exist (because the transferor plan(s) become part of the transferee plan). It differs from a Consolidation because in a Consolidation, the transferee plan did not exist before the transaction. In a Merger, the transferee plan is an existing plan and follows the rules for preexisting, ongoing plans.

"Mid-size Plan" - See "Plan Size"

"**Multiemployer Plan**" (subject to the provisions of ERISA sections 3(37)(E) and (G) and 4303, dealing with elections to be treated or not to be treated as a Multiemployer Plan) means a plan:

- to which more than one employer is required to contribute,
- which is maintained pursuant to one or more collective bargaining agreements between one or more employee organizations and more than one employer, and
- which satisfies such other requirements as the Secretary of Labor may prescribe by regulation.

For purposes of determining whether a plan is a Multiemployer Plan or a Single-employer Plan, all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) that are under common control are considered to be one employer.

# **Appendix 1** — **Definitions**

"**Multiple-employer plan**" means a plan to which more than one employer contributes that is not a Multiemployer Plan.

"**My PAA**" means "My Plan Administration Account," PBGC's electronic premium filing application, available through PBGC's Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>).

**"New Plan"** means a plan that did not exist before the Premium Payment Year. This includes a plan resulting from a Consolidation or Spinoff. A plan that meets this definition is considered to be a New Plan even if the plan constitutes a successor plan within the meaning of ERISA section 4021(a).

"Newly-covered Plan" means a plan that is not a New Plan and that was not covered by title IV of ERISA immediately before the Premium Payment Year.

"**Participant**" of a plan means an individual (whether active, inactive, retired, or deceased) with respect to whom the plan has Benefit Liabilities. See "How to Count Participants" section for more information.

**"Participant Count"** means the number of participants on the Participant Count Date. See "How to Count Participants" section for more information.

**"Participant Count Date"** means the date on which participants are counted for purposes of determining the Flat-rate Premium and, if applicable, the cap on the Variable-rate Premium. In general, it is the last day of the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year, but there are some exceptions. See "How to Count Participants" section for more information.

### "Plan Administrator" means:

- the person specifically so designated by the terms of the instrument under which the plan is operated; or
- if an administrator is not so designated, the Plan Sponsor.

"Plan Adoption Date" means the date on which a plan was formally adopted.

**"Plan Size**" refers to the category to which a plan, other than a New or Newly-covered Plan, is assigned. Plans are divided into three categories based on the number of participants for whom premiums were payable for the plan year preceding the Premium Payment Year:

- "Small Plan" means a plan that had fewer than 100 such participants.
- "Mid-size Plan" means a plan that had 100 or more but fewer than 500 such participants.
- "Large Plan" means a plan that had 500 or more such participants.

If this is the first Premium Payment Year (i.e., if the plan is a New or Newly-covered Plan), the plan is not classified as either a Small, Mid-size or Large Plan.

"Plan Sponsor" is determined as follows:

- For a Single-employer Plan with:
  - one contributing sponsor, the Plan Sponsor is the contributing sponsor;
  - two or more contributing sponsors that are all in a single controlled group, the Plan Sponsor is the parent of the controlled group or, if there is no parent, the largest member of the controlled group (whether or not the parent or largest member is a contributing sponsor);
  - two or more contributing sponsors that are not all in a single controlled group, the Plan Sponsor is determined as follows: first identify the controlled group, or contributing

sponsor that is not in a controlled group, that has the most participants in the plan. If you identify a contributing sponsor that is not in a controlled group, the Plan Sponsor is that contributing sponsor. But if you identify a controlled group, then the Plan Sponsor is the parent of that controlled group or, if there is no parent, the largest member of that controlled group (whether or not the parent or largest member is a contributing sponsor).

• For a Multiemployer Plan, the Plan Sponsor is the association, committee, joint board of trustees, or other entity that establishes or maintains the plan.

"**PN**" means Plan Number. This is always a 3-digit number. The employer maintaining the plan assigns this number to distinguish among employee benefit plans established or maintained by the same employer. An employer usually starts numbering pension plans at "001" and uses consecutive Plan Numbers for each additional plan. Once a PN is assigned, always use it to identify the same plan. If a plan is terminated, retire the PN — do not use it for another plan.

**"Premium Funding Target"** is the liability measure used to determine the Variable-rate Premium. This is similar to the funding target that is used to determine the minimum funding requirement for the Premium Payment Year except that only vested benefits are taken into account. The assumptions used to determine this amount vary depending on which calculation method is used (standard or alternative):

- **"Standard Premium Funding Target"** means a Premium Funding Target calculated using the same assumptions used for funding purposes except instead of the discount rates used for funding purposes, the discount rates are the segment rates for the month preceding the month in which the Premium Payment Year begins that are determined in accordance with ERISA section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iv).
- "Alternative Premium Funding Target" means a Premium Funding Target calculated using the same assumptions used for funding purposes. See "How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits" section for additional information related to the election and use of the Alternative Premium Funding Target.

See "How to Determine Unfunded Vested Benefits" section for additional information on how the Premium Funding Target is determined.

"Premium Payment Year" means the plan year for which the premium is being paid.

"**Premium Regulations**" means PBGC's regulations on Premium Rates and Payment of Premiums (29 CFR Parts 4006 and 4007). The premium filing procedures (including the My PAA electronic filing application, paper instructions, and forms) are prescribed under and implement the Premium Regulations.

"Schedule SB" means Schedule SB to the Form 5500 Series.

"**Single-employer Plan**" means any plan that is not a Multiemployer Plan. A Single-employer Plan includes a Multiple-employer Plan. For purposes of determining whether a plan is a Multiemployer Plan or a Single-employer Plan, all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) that are under common control are considered to be one employer.

### "Small Plan" - See "Plan Size"

"**Spinoff**" means a transaction in which the transferor plan transfers only part of its assets and/or liabilities to the transferee plan. The transferee plan may be a New Plan that is created in the Spinoff, or it may be a preexisting plan that simply receives part of the assets and/or liabilities of the transferor plan.

"Standard Premium Funding Target" – see "Premium Funding Target"

# **Appendix 1** — **Definitions**

**"UVB Valuation Date"** means the plan's funding valuation date for the Premium Payment Year determined in accordance with ERISA section 303(g)(2).

**"Variable-rate Premium"** means the portion of the single-employer premium based on a plan's unfunded vested benefits. The Variable-rate Premium is \$9 for every \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) of unfunded vested benefits, subject to a cap for certain plans of small employers.

"We" or "us" refers to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"You" or "your" refers to the Plan Administrator.

- 1. PBGC's Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>) contains pension plan information of interest to Plan Administrators and practitioners, such as electronic premium filing, current and prior premium filing booklets, frequently asked questions interest rates, regulations, etc. This information can typically be accessed via the Practitioners Page. The "What's New" section of the Practitioners Page provides information on recent events (e.g., disaster relief, etc.)
- 2. Submit **electronic premium filings** (including electronic amended filings) through "My Plan Administration Account" ("My PAA") on PBGC's Web site. Access My PAA information via the Practitioners Page and follow instructions about how to use My PAA for submitting premium payments.
- 3. For a **paper premium filing** (if exempt from mandatory e-filing), see Appendix 5 for information on where to mail filings.
- 4. For all **premium-related correspondence (other than submitting a paper filing), including requests for exemption** from the requirement to file electronically, premium filing questions (for electronic or paper filings), requests for instructions, address changes, requests for refunds (that are not submitted with premium filings), and requests for reconsideration of premium penalty assessments:
  - a. If you send your correspondence via the U.S. Postal Service (regular or certified mail), address it to:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Dept. 77840

P.O. Box 77000

### Detroit, MI 48277-0840

b. If you send your correspondence by **delivery service** that does not deliver to a P.O. Box, address it to:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

### 9000 Haggerty Road

Dept. 77840

### Mail Code MI1-8244

### Belleville, MI 48111

- c. Call: 1-800-736-2444 or 202-326-4242 (Note requests for exemptions from e-filing requirement cannot be made by phone)
- d. Fax: 202-326-4250
- e. E-mail: <a href="mailto:premiums@pbgc.gov">premiums@pbgc.gov</a>
- 5. For current interest rate information:
  - a. Call: 202-326-4041
  - b. See: Interest Rate section in top left corner of the Practitioners Page of PBGC's Web site.

- 6. For assistance on coverage determination or plan termination:
  - a. Call: 1-800-736-2444 or 202-326-4242
  - b. E-mail: <u>standard@pbgc.gov</u>
  - c. Write to:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Program Department

Technical Assistance Branch

1200 K Street, NW

Washington, DC 20005-4026

- 7. If you have a complaint about the service you have received or still need assistance after calling our practitioner telephone numbers listed in item 4 (1-800-736-2444 or 202-326-4242, please contact the Problem Resolution Officer (Practitioners):
  - a. Call: 1-800-736-2444, ext. 4136 or 202-326-4136
  - b. E-mail: practitioner.pro@pbgc.gov
  - c. Write to:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Financial Operations Department** 

Problem Resolution Officer (Practitioners)

1200 K Street, NW

### Washington, DC 20005-4026

- 8. For questions about our Premium Compliance Evaluation Program:
  - a. Call: 1-800-736-2444, ext. 6309 or 202-326-4161, ext. 6309
  - b. E-mail: <u>pce@pbgc.gov</u>
- 9. For software developers requesting approval of XML files produced by private-sector software for use in My PAA, follow submission instructions on PBGC's Web site.

TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to any telephone number.

Note: We cannot accept collect calls.

*Note:* PBGC filing addresses may change from time to time. Use the most current addresses, even for prior year filings (such as amended filings). The addresses on this page will be valid at least through June 30, 2010.

# Introduction

My Plan Administration Account (My PAA) is a secure, Web-based application that enables you to electronically submit premium filings and payments to PBGC. Although electronic filing of premium information is mandatory, payments may be made either electronically or by paper check.

Information about how to use My PAA may be accessed through the Practitioners Page of PBGC's Web site (<u>www.pbgc.gov</u>) as well as within the My PAA application itself.

To use My PAA, you must set up a My PAA account which includes a user ID and password. Each My PAA user needs only one account, which can include an unlimited number of plans.

My PAA offers three e-filing methods:

- You can use My PAA's data entry and editing screens to create a filing; route it to others for review, editing, and electronic certification; and submit it electronically to PBGC. Each person who participates in the electronic processing of the filing must have a My PAA account.
- You can use private-sector software that is compatible with My PAA to create a filing, and then import the filing data into My PAA's data entry and editing screens for routing, review, editing, electronic certification, and electronic submission to PBGC. Each person who participates in the electronic processing of the filing must have a My PAA account.
- You can use private-sector software that is compatible with My PAA to create a filing, and then upload the filing to PBGC via the My PAA application. The filing cannot be routed, reviewed, or edited in My PAA. In most cases, a paper copy or copies of the filing must be certified outside of My PAA and retained in plan records. Only the person who uploads the filing must have a My PAA account.

# My PAA's Data Entry and Editing Screens

# Entering information

My PAA's data entry and editing screens walk you through a step-by-step process to create a premium filing. For example, in the first step you identify the type of filing to be submitted (estimated Flat-rate Premium filing for Large Plans or comprehensive premium filing for all other purposes), the type of plan (Single-employer or Multiemployer) for which the filing is being submitted, and the plan year. Instructions are provided at each step.

The information entered in each step determines the content of the successive steps. For example, if you indicate that you are preparing a comprehensive premium filing for a Single-employer Plan, the later steps will request information needed to determine the amount of the Variable-rate Premium (if applicable). However, if you indicate that you are preparing a comprehensive premium filing for a Multiemployer Plan, the Variable-Rate Premium screens will be suppressed.

The required mathematical calculations are automated. For example, My PAA automatically multiplies your Participant Count by the applicable flat premium rate to generate the Flat-rate Premium.

# E-filing team

Multiple people can contribute to a plan's filing in My PAA's data entry and editing screens. For example, some information might be entered by the Plan Administrator and other information by an actuary. The people authorized to contribute to a plan's premium filing in My PAA's data entry and editing screens are those who have the plan in their My PAA accounts, and are referred to as the plan's "e-filing team."

# Routing filings

Filings in progress can be routed among e-filing team members through My PAA for input, review, editing, e-certification of information, authorization of payment, and submission to PBGC. The person routing the filing to another member of the e-filing team can provide comments and instructions for the person to whom the filing is being routed. My PAA sends that person an e-mail notice (with the comments and instructions) stating that the filing has been routed for the recipient's action and that the recipient is now "holding" that filing. After all information has been provided and certified, and payment (if any) has been authorized, the filing can be electronically submitted to PBGC by the Plan Administrator or Filing Coordinator.

# Using Private-Sector Software with My PAA

## Compatibility with My PAA

You can use private-sector software to prepare a premium e-filing, but the software you use must be compatible with My PAA. That means that the software must be able to place your filing in an electronic file that is in "XML" format and meets PBGC specifications. The specifications are posted on PBGC's Web site. Private-sector software providers and developers submit to PBGC sample filings in XML format for PBGC review and assignment of vendor numbers; you should check with your software provider or developer to find out whether your software is capable of creating an XML file in the proper format for use with My PAA. If your compatible private-sector software permits, you can create batch files containing more than one premium filing for use with My PAA.

# Importing a filing

A premium filing that has been prepared with compatible private-sector software can be "imported" into My PAA's data entry and editing screens. That means that the information in the filing is placed into the data entry and editing screens and can then be electronically routed, reviewed, edited, certified, and submitted to PBGC as described above (see My PAA's Data Entry and Editing Screens). To import a filing for a plan, the plan must be in your My PAA account. My PAA provides instructions for importing filings.

### Uploading a filing

A premium filing that has been prepared with compatible private-sector software can also be "uploaded" through My PAA. That means that the fully-completed filing is submitted directly to PBGC and, therefore, cannot be reviewed or edited in My PAA before submission to PBGC. My PAA's upload feature also allows multiple filings to be uploaded at the same time (i.e., a batch upload).

To upload a filing for a plan, the plan need not be in your My PAA account, but you must have a My PAA account with at least one plan in it. You must electronically certify in My PAA that you have authority to submit the filing for the plan, but in most cases the information in the filing must be certified on paper outside My PAA, and the certified information must be retained in plan records. (The Plan Administrator's (or enrolled actuary's) certification can be made on-line if it is

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the Plan Administrator (or enrolled actuary) who uploads the filing.) My PAA provides instructions for uploading filings and for certifying the information in uploaded filings.

## **Filing Coordinator**

A central role in the e-filing process is played by the "filing coordinator," who is the person designated by the plan or Plan Sponsor to be responsible for coordinating the plan's on-line premium filings. The filing coordinator for a plan is the one who adds that plan to the account of each other person in the e-filing team and assigns each e-filing team member one or more filing roles, such as the authority to certify a filing (e.g., as the Plan Administrator). My PAA provides instructions for becoming a plan's filing coordinator, adding plans, adding e-filing team members, assigning roles, etc.

## **Payment Options**

### Payment within My PAA

If you owe a premium, you can pay it using My PAA. My PAA offers three electronic payment methods:

- Automated Clearing House (ACH) This payment method involves the electronic transfer of funds from an account that you specify by entering your account number and bank routing number.
- Electronic check This is the electronic equivalent to writing a paper check to PBGC. It involves entering the check number of a (voided) paper check, your account number, and your bank routing number.
- Credit card My PAA currently accepts Visa and MasterCard as payment options. A convenience fee (which is passed on to the credit card processor) of approximately 3.09 percent of the total premium amount is added to a premium payment made by credit card. The maximum allowable credit card payment is \$99,999.99 (including the convenience fee).

### Payment outside My PAA

Payment outside My PAA is permitted for any filing and is required if multiple filings are uploaded at the same time (i.e., a batch upload). The options are:

• Electronic funds transfer (EFT) via Automated Clearing House (ACH) or Fedwire — You arrange for payment to be electronically transferred by providing your bank with PBGC's EFT information as follows:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

### ABA: 071000013

Account: 656510666

### Beneficiary: PBGC

### Reference: "EIN/PN: XX-XXXXXX/XXX

# PYC: MM/DD/YY"

Report the Employer Identification Number and Plan Number ("EIN/PN") and the date the Premium Payment Year commenced (PYC) in the payment ID line of the electronic funds transfer in the format "EIN/PN: XX-XXXXX/ XXX PYC: MM/DD/YY." Since we process these payments electronically, strict adherence to this format is required for accurate and timely application of your payment. Any deviation from the prescribed format may result

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in our sending you a bill for premium, interest, and penalty if our automated system cannot apply your payment.

 Paper check — write the Employer Identification Number/Plan Number (EIN/PN) and the date the Premium Payment Year commenced (PYC) on the check to help ensure the accurate and timely application of your payment. In addition, My PAA provides you with a voucher<sup>8</sup> to send in with your check to help PBGC automatically match your check with your filing. Send the check (and voucher, if provided) to:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation:

Dept. 77430

### P.O. Box 77000

### Detroit, MI 48277-0430

If you use a delivery service that does not deliver to a P.O. Box, your premium payment may be hand-delivered to:

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 9000 Haggerty Road Dept. 77430 Mail Code MI1-8244 Belleville, MI 48111

### **Other Important My PAA Features**

### Filing receipts

My PAA gives you a filing receipt. For a filing submitted from My PAA's data entry and editing screens (including a filing imported into My PAA), the filing receipt shows the date and time of submission to PBGC, a confirmation number, and all of the information submitted in the filing. For an upload, the filing receipt shows the date and time of submission by PBGC, a confirmation number, and the name of the uploaded XML file, but does not show any of the filing information in the uploaded file.

### Account history

A member of a plan's e-filing team may, if authorized by the filing coordinator, view the plan's account history on-line through My PAA. The account history shows the results of PBGC's processing of your premium filings and payments for each plan year.

### Instructions

My PAA provides full filing instructions and help screens. In addition, PBGC's Web site provides information and "demos" about how to get started and how to use My PAA. To access the My PAA information, select the Practitioners Page, and then click on "Online Premium Filing (My PAA)."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> My PAA does not provide a voucher when filings for multiple plans are uploaded at the same time (i.e., a batch upload).

# **For More Information**

If you have questions about e-filing with My PAA, please contact us at any of the phone numbers or addresses in Appendix 2 (item 4).

### Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting Utilities

### Crop Production

| 111100 | Oilseed & Grain Farming |
|--------|-------------------------|
|--------|-------------------------|

- 111210 Vegetable & Melon Farming (including potatoes & yams)
- 111300 Fruit & Tree Nut Farming
- 111400 Greenhouse, Nursery, & Floriculture Production
- 111900 Other Crop Farming (including tobacco, cotton, sugarcane, hay, peanut, sugar beet and all other crop farming)

### Animal Production

- 112111 Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming
- 112112 Cattle Feedlots
- 112120 Dairy Cattle & Milk Production
- 112210 Hog & Pig Farming
- 112300 Poultry & Egg Production
- 112400 Sheep & Goat Farming
- 112510 Aquaculture (including shellfish and finfish farms & hatcheries)
- 112900 Other Animal Production 235110

### Forestry and Logging

- 113110 Timber Tract Operations
- 113210 Forest Nurseries & Gathering of Forest Products
- 113310 Logging

#### Fishing, Hunting and Trapping

- 114110 Fishing
- 114210 Hunting & Trapping

### Sport Activities for Agriculture and Forestry

- 115110 Support Activities for Crop Production (including cotton ginning, soil preparation, & cultivating)
- 115210 Support Activities for Animal Production
- 115310 Support Activities for Forestry

#### Mining

| 211110 | Oil & Gas Extraction  |
|--------|---|
| 212110 | Coal Mining   |
| 212200 | Metal Ore Mining  |
| 212310 | Stone Mining & Quarrying  |
| 212320 | Sand, Gravel, Clay & Ceramic & Refractory Minerals Mining & Quarrying |
| 212390 | Other Nonmetallic Mineral Mining & Quarrying                          |
| 213110 | Support Activities for Mining   |

### Utilities

| 221100 | Electric Power Generation, Transmission & Distribution |
|--------|--|
| 221210 | Natural Gas Distribution                               |
| 221300 | Water, Sewage and Other Systems                        |
| 221500 | Combination Gas and Electric                           |

### Construction

| Construction of Buildings |                                      |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 236110                    | Residential Building Construction    |  |
| 236200                    | Nonresidential Building Construction |  |

| Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 237100                                   | Utility System Construction                  |  |
| 237210                                   | Land Subdivision                             |  |
| 237310                                   | Highway, Street, & Bridge Construction       |  |
| 237990                                   | Other Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction |  |

Specialty Trade Contractors

| 238100 | Foundation, Structure & Building Exterior Contractors (including framing carpentry, masonry, glass, roofing, & siding)      |
|--------|---|
| 238210 | Electrical Contractors  |
| 238220 | Plumbing, Heating, & Air Conditioning Contractors   |
| 238290 | Other Building Equipment Contractors  |
| 238300 | Building Finishing Contractors (including drywall, insulation, painting, wall covering, flooring, tile, & finish carpentry) |
| 238900 | Other Specialty Trade Contractors (including site preparation)  |
|        |   |

### Manufacturing

### Food Manufacturing

| Food Manufacturing |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 311110             | Animal Food Mfg.   |
| 311200             | Grain & Oilseed Milling  |
| 311300             | Sugar & Confectionery Product Mfg.                               |
| 311400             | Fruit & Vegetable Preserving & Specialty Food Mfg                |
| 311500             | Dairy Product Mfg  |
| 311610             | Animal Slaughtering and Processing                               |
| 311710             | Seafood Product Preparation & Packaging                          |
| 311800             | Bakeries & Tortilla Mfg.   |
| 311900             | Other Food Mfg. (including coffee, tea, flavorings & seasonings) |
|                    |  |

### Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing

| 312110 | Soft Drink  | & Ice Mfg.  |  |
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- 312120 Breweries
- 312130 Wineries
- 312140 Distilleries
- 312200 Tobacco Manufacturing

### Textile Mills and Textile Product Mills

- 313000 Textile Mills
- 314000 Textile Product Mills

### Apparel Manufacturing

- 315100 Apparel Knitting Mills
- 315210 Cut & Sew Apparel Contractors
- 315220 Men's & Boys' Cut & Sew Apparel Mfg.
- 315230 Women's & Girls' Cut & Sew Apparel Mfg
- 315290 Other Cut & Sew Apparel Mfg.
- 315990 Apparel Accessories & Other Apparel Mfg.

### Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing

- 316110 Leather & Hide Tanning & Finishing
- 316210 Footwear Mfg. (including rubber & plastics)
- 316990 Other Leather & Allied Product Mfg.

### Wood Product Manufacturing

| 321110 | Sawmills & Wood Preservation |
|--------|------------------------------|
|        |                              |

- 321210 Veneer, Plywood & Engineered Wood Product Mfg.
- 321900 Other Wood Product Mfg.

| Paper Manu   | facturing   |
|--------------|---|
| 322100       | Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills   |
| 322100       | Converted Paper Product Mfg   |
| 322200       | Converted Paper Product Mig   |
| Printing and | Related Support Activities  |
| 323100       | Printing & Related Support Activities                                     |
|              |   |
| Petroleum a  | nd Coal Products Manufacturing  |
| 324110       | Petroleum Refineries (including integrated)                               |
| 324120       | Asphalt Paving, Roofing, & Saturated Materials Mfg.                       |
| 324190       | Other Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg.                                      |
| Chemical M   | anufacturing  |
| 325100       | Basic Chemical Mfg.   |
| 325200       | Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artificial & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments Mfg. |
| 325300       | Pesticide, Fertilizer, & Other Agricultural Chemical Mfg.                 |
| 325410       | Pharmaceutical & Medicine Mfg.  |
| 325500       | Paint, Coating, & Adhesive Mfg.   |
| 325600       | Soap, Cleaning Compound, & Toilet Preparation Mfg.                        |
| 325900       | Other Chemical Product & Preparation Mfg.                                 |
| 323900       | Other Chemical Floduct & Fleparation Wilg.                                |
| Plastics & R | ubber Products Manufacturing  |
| 326100       | Plastics Product Mfg.   |
| 326200       | Rubber Product Mfg.   |
|              |   |
| Nonmetallic  | Mineral Product Manufacturing   |
| 327100       | Clay Product & Refractory Mfg.  |
| 327210       | Glass & Glass Product Mfg.  |
| 327300       | Cement & Concrete Product Mfg.  |
| 327400       | Lime & Gypsum Product Mfg.  |
| 327900       | Other Nonmetallic Mineral Product Mfg.                                    |
| Primary Me   | tal Manufacturing   |
| 331110       | Iron & Steel Mills & Ferroalloy Mfg.                                      |
| 331200       | Steel Product Mfg. from Purchased Steel                                   |
| 331310       | Alumina & Aluminum Production & Processing                                |
| 331400       | Nonferrous Metal (except Aluminum) Production & Processing                |
| 331500       | Foundries   |
|              |   |
|              | Metal Product Manufacturing   |
| 332110       | Forging & Stamping  |
| 332210       | Cutlery & Handtool Mfg.   |
| 332300       | Architectural & Structural Metals Mfg.                                    |
| 332400       | Boiler, Tank & Shipping Container Mfg.                                    |
| 332510       | Hardware Mfg.   |
| 332610       | Spring & Wire Product Mfg.  |
| 332700       | Machine Shops; Turned Product; & Screw, Nut & Bolt Mfg.                   |
| 332810       | Coating, Engraving, Heat Treating, & Allied Activities                    |
| 332900       | Other Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.                                       |
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|              | Anufacturing  |
| 333100       | Agriculture, Construction, & Mining Machinery Mfg.                        |
| 333200       | Industrial Machinery Mfg.   |
| 333310       | Commercial & Service Industry Machinery Mfg.                              |
|              |   |

- 333410 Ventilation, Heating, Air-Conditioning, & Commercial Refrigeration Equipment Mfg.
- 333510 Metalworking Machinery Mfg
- 333610 Engine, Turbine & Power Transmission Equipment Mfg.
- 333900 Other General Purpose Machinery Mfg.

#### Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing

- 334110 Computer & Peripheral Equipment Mfg.
- 334200 Communications Equipment Mfg.
- 334310 Audio & Video Equipment Mfg.
- 334410 Semiconductor & Other Electronic Component Mfg.
- 334500 Navigational, Measuring, Electrometrical, & Control Instruments Mfg.
- 334610 Manufacturing & Reproducing Magnetic & Optical Media

Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing

- 335100 Electric Lighting Equipment Mfg.
- 335200 Household Appliance Mfg.
- 335310 Electrical Equipment Mfg.
- 335900 Other Electrical Equipment & Component Mfg.

#### Transportation Equipment Manufacturing

- 336100 Motor Vehicle Mfg.
- 336210 Motor Vehicle Body & Trailer Mfg.
- 336300 Motor Vehicle Parts Mfg.
- 336410 Aerospace Product & Parts Mfg.
- 336510 Railroad Rolling Stock Mfg.
- 336610 Ship & Boat Building
- 336990 Other Transportation Equipment Mfg.

#### Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing

337000 Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing

#### Miscellaneous Manufacturing

| 339110 | Medical Equipment & Supplies Mfg  |
|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 339900 | Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing |

#### Wholesale Trade

### Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods

423100 Motor Vehicle & Motor Vehicle Parts & Supplies 423200 Furniture & Home Furnishings 423300 Lumber & Other Construction Materials 423400 Professional & Commercial Equipment & Supplies 423500 Metals & Minerals (except Petroleum) 423600 Electrical & Electronic Goods Hardware, Plumbing & Heating Equipment & Supplies 423700 423800 Machinery, Equipment, & Supplies 423910 Sporting & Recreational Goods & Supplies 423920 Toy & Hobby Goods & Supplies 423930 **Recyclable Materials** 423940 Jewelry, Watches, Precious Stones, & Precious Metals 423990 Other Miscellaneous Durable Goods

Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods

| 424100 | Paper & Paper Products |
|--------|------------------------|
|--------|------------------------|

| 424210 | Drugs & Druggists' Sundries |
|--------|-----------------------------|
|--------|-----------------------------|

| 424300 | Apparel, Piece Goods, & Notions             |
|--------|---|
| 424400 | Grocery & Related Products                  |
| 424500 | Farm Product Raw Materials                  |
| 424600 | Chemical & Allied Products                  |
| 424700 | Petroleum & Petroleum Products              |
| 424800 | Beer, Wine, & Distilled Alcoholic Beverages |
| 424910 | Farm Supplies                               |
| 424920 | Books, Periodicals, & Newspapers            |
| 424930 | Flower, Nursery Stock, & Florists' Supplies |
| 424940 | Tobacco & Tobacco Products                  |
| 424950 | Paint, Varnish, & Supplies                  |
| 424990 | Other Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods        |
|        |   |

Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers

- 425110 Business to Business Electronic Markets
- 425120 Wholesale Trade Agents & Brokers

### **Retail Trade**

| Motor | Vehicle | and | Parts  | Dealers |
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- 441120 Used Car Dealers
- 441210 Recreational Vehicle Dealers
- 441221 Motorcycle Dealers
- 441222 Boat Dealers
- 441229 All Other Motor Vehicle Dealers
- 441300 Automotive Parts, Accessories, & Tire Stores

#### Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores

- 442110 Furniture Stores
- 442210 Floor Covering Stores
- 442291 Window Treatment Stores
- 442299 All Other Home Furnishings Stores

#### Electronics and Appliance Stores

- 443111 Household Appliance Stores
- 443112 Radio, Television, & Other Electronic Stores
- 443120 Computer & Software Stores
- 443130 Camera & Photographic Supplies Stores
- Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers
- 444110 Home Centers
- 444120 Paint & Wallpaper Stores
- 444130 Hardware Stores
- 444190 Other Building Material Dealers
- 444200 Lawn & Garden Equipment & Supplies Stores

### Food and Beverage Stores

- 445110 Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores
- 445120 Convenience Stores
- 445210 Meat Markets
- 445220 Fish & Seafood Markets
- 445230 Fruit & Vegetable Markets
- 445291 Baked Goods Stores
- 445292 Confectionary & Nut Stores

| 445299           | All Other Specialty Food Stores   |
|------------------|---|
| 445310           | Beer, Wine, & Liquor Stores   |
|                  |   |
| Health and       | Personal Care Stores  |
| 446110           | Pharmacies & Drug Stores  |
| 446120           | Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies, & Perfume Stores  |
| 446130           | Optical Goods Stores  |
| 446190           | Other Health & Personal Care Stores   |
|                  |   |
| Gasoline Sta     |   |
| 447100           | Gasoline Stations (including convenience stores with gas)   |
| Cl .1: 0         |   |
| 0                | Clothing Accessories Stores   |
| 448110           | Men's Clothing Stores   |
| 448120           | Women's Clothing Stores   |
| 448130           | Children's & Infants' Clothing Stores   |
| 448140           | Family Clothing Stores  |
| 448150           | Clothing Accessories Stores   |
| 448190           | Other Clothing Stores   |
| 448210           | Shoe Stores   |
| 448310           | Jewelry Stores  |
| 448320           | Luggage & Leather Goods Stores  |
| Sporting Go      | oods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores   |
| 451110           | Sporting Goods Stores   |
| 451110           | Hobby, Toy, & Game Stores   |
| 451120           | Sewing, Needlework, & Piece Goods Stores  |
| 451130           | Musical Instrument & Supplies Stores  |
|                  | Book Stores   |
| 451211<br>451212 | News Dealers & Newsstands   |
| 451212           | Prerecorded Tape, Compact Disc, & Record Stores   |
| 431220           | Terecorded Tape, Compact Disc, & Record Stores  |
| General Me       | rchandise Stores  |
| 452110           | Department Stores   |
| 452900           | Other General Merchandise Stores  |
|                  |   |
| Miscellaneo      | us Store Retailers  |
| 453110           | Florists  |
| 453210           | Office Supplies & Stationery Stores   |
| 453220           | Gift, Novelty, & Souvenir Stores  |
| 453310           | Used Merchandise Stores   |
| 453910           | Pet & Pet Supplies Stores   |
| 453920           | Art Dealers   |
| 453930           | Manufactured (Mobile) Home Dealers  |
| 453990           | All Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers (including tobacco, candle, & trophy shops)                           |
|                  |   |
| Nonstore Re      |   |
| 454110           | Electronic Shopping & Mail-Order Houses   |
| 454210           | Vending Machine Operators   |
| 454311           | Heating Oil Dealers   |
| 454312           | Liquefied Petroleum Gas (bottled gas) Dealers   |
| 454319           | Other Fuel Dealers  |
| 454390           | Other Direct Selling Establishments (including door-to-door retailing, frozen food plan providers, party plan |
|                  | merchandisers, & coffee-break service providers)  |
|                  |   |

### Transportation and Warehousing

| Air, Rail, and Water Transportation |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 481000                              | Air Transportation   |  |
| 482110                              | Rail Transportation  |  |
| 483000                              | Water Transportation   |  |
|                                     |  |  |
| Truck Transp                        | portation  |  |
| 484110                              | General Freight Trucking, Local  |  |
| 484120                              | General Freight Trucking, Long distance  |  |
| 484200                              | Specialized Freight Trucking   |  |
|                                     |  |  |
| Transit and C                       | Ground Passenger Transportation  |  |
| 485110                              | Urban Transit Systems  |  |
| 485210                              | Interurban & Rural Bus Transportation  |  |
| 485310                              | Taxi Service   |  |
| 485320                              | Limousine Service  |  |
| 485410                              | School & Employee Bus Transportation   |  |
| 485510                              | Charter Bus Industry   |  |
| 485990                              | Other Transit & Ground Passenger Transportation                                |  |
|                                     |  |  |
| Pipeline Tran                       | nsportation  |  |
| 486000                              | Pipeline Transportation  |  |
|                                     |  |  |
| Scenic & Sig                        | htseeing Transportation  |  |
| 487000                              | Scenic & Sightseeing Transportation  |  |
|                                     |  |  |
|                                     | vities for Transportation  |  |
| 488100                              | Support Activities for Air Transportation                                      |  |
| 488210                              | Support Activities for Rail Transportation                                     |  |
| 488300                              | Support Activities for Water Transportation                                    |  |
| 488410                              | Motor Vehicle Towing   |  |
| 488490                              | Other Support Activities for Road Transportation                               |  |
| 488510                              | Freight Transportation Arrangement   |  |
| 488990                              | Other Support Activities for Transportation                                    |  |
|                                     |  |  |
| Couriers and                        |  |  |
| 492110                              | Couriers   |  |
| 492210                              | Local Messengers & Local Delivery  |  |
|                                     |  |  |
| Warehousing                         |  |  |
| 493100                              | Warehousing & Storage (except lessors of mini warehouses & self storage units) |  |
|                                     |  |  |

### Information

Publishing Industries (except internet)

- 511110 Newspaper Publishers
- 511120 Periodical Publishers
- 511130 Book Publishers
- 511140 Directory & Mailing, Publishers
- 511190 Other Publishers
- 511210 Software Publishers

Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries

512100 Motion Picture & Video Industries (except video rental)

### 512200 Sound Recording Industries

### Broadcasting (except internet)

515100Radio & Television Broadcasting515210Cable & Other Subscription Programming

#### Telecommunications

517000 Telecommunications (including paging, cellular, satellite, cable & other program distribution, resellers, other telecommunications, and internet service providers)

### Data Processing Services

518210 Data Processing, Hosting, & Related Services

#### Other Information Services

519100 Other Information Services (including news syndicates, libraries, and internet publishing & broadcasting

#### Finance and Insurance

### Depository Credit Intermediation

- 522110 Commercial Banking
- 522120 Savings Institutions
- 522130 Credit Unions
- 522190 Other Depository Credit Intermediation

#### Nondepository Credit Intermediation

| 522210 | Credit Card Issuing   |
|--------|---|
| 522220 | Sales Financing   |
| 522291 | Consumer Lending  |
| 522292 | Real Estate Credit (including mortgage bankers & originators) |
| 522293 | International Trade Financing                                 |
| 522294 | Secondary Market Financing                                    |
| 522298 | All Other Nondepository Credit Intermediation                 |

#### Activities Related to Credit Intermediation

522300 Activities Related to Credit Intermediation (including loan brokers, check clearing, & money transmitting)

#### Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities

- 523110 Investment Banking & Securities Dealing
- 523120 Securities Brokerage
- 523130 Commodity Contracts Dealing
- 523140 Commodity Contracts Brokerage
- 523210 Securities & Commodity Exchanges
- 523900 Other Financial Investment Activities (including portfolio management & investment advice)

#### Insurance Carriers and Related Activities

- 524140 Direct Life, Health, & Medical Insurance & Reinsurance Carriers
- 524150 Direct Insurance & Reinsurance (except Life, Health & Medical) Carriers
- 524210 Insurance Agencies & Brokerages
- 524290 Other Insurance Related Activities (including third-party administration of insurance and pension funds)

### Funds, Trusts, and Other Financial Vehicles

- 525100 Insurance & Employee Benefit Funds
- 525910 Open-End Investment Funds (form 1120-RIC)
- 525920 Trusts, Estates, & Agency Accounts

525990 Other Financial Vehicles (including mortgage REITs and closed-end investment funds)

Note — "Offices of Bank Holding Companies" and "Offices of Other Holding Companies," are located under Management of Companies (Holding Companies)

### **Real Estate and Rental and Leasing**

### Real Estate

| 531110 | Lessors of Residential Buildings & Dwellings (including equity REITs)                 |
|--------|---|
| 531114 | Cooperative Housing (including equity REITs)  |
| 531120 | Lessors of Nonresidential Buildings (except Mini warehouses) (including equity REITs) |
| 531130 | Lessors of Mini warehouses & Self-Storage Units (including equity REITs)              |
| 531190 | Lessors of Other Real Estate Property (including equity REITs)                        |
| 531210 | Offices of Real Estate Agents & Brokers   |
| 531310 | Real Estate Property Managers   |
| 531320 | Offices of Real Estate Appraisers   |
| 531390 | Other Activities Related to Real Estate   |
|        |   |

#### Rental and Leasing Services

| 532100 | Automotive Equipment Rental & Leasing                          |
|--------|--|
| 532210 | Consumer Electronics & Appliances Rental                       |
| 532220 | Formal Wear & Costume Rental                                   |
| 532230 | Video Tape & Disc Rental                                       |
| 532290 | Other Consumer Goods Rental                                    |
| 532310 | General Rental Centers   |
| 532400 | Commercial & Industrial Machinery & Equipment Rental & Leasing |

#### Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (except copyrighted works)

533110 Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (except copyrighted works)

### Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services

#### Legal Services

| 541110 | Offices of Lawyers   |
|--------|----------------------|
| 541190 | Other Legal Services |

### Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services

- 541211 Offices of Certified Public Accountants
- 541213 Tax Preparation Services
- 541214 Payroll Services
- 541219 Other Accounting Services

### Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services

- 541310 Architectural Services
- 541320 Landscape Architecture Services
- 541330 Engineering Services
- 541340 Drafting Services
- 541350 Building Inspection Services
- 541360 Geophysical Surveying & Mapping Services
- 541370 Surveying & Mapping (except Geophysical) Services
- 541380 Testing Laboratories

### Specialized Design Services

541400 Specialized Design Services (including interior, industrial, graphic, & fashion design

- 541511 Custom Computer Programming Services
- 541512 Computer Systems Design Services
- 541513 Computer Facilities Management Services
- 541519 Other Computer Related Services

### Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services

- 541600 Management, Scientific, & Technical Consulting Services
- 541700 Scientific Research & Development Services
- 541800 Advertising & Related Services
- 541910 Marketing Research & Public Opinion Polling
- 541920 Photographic Services
- 541930 Translation & Interpretation Services
- 541940 Veterinary Services
- 541990 All Other Professional Scientific & Technical Services

### Management of Companies (Holding Companies)

| 551111 | Offices of Bank Holding Companies  |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| 551112 | Offices of Other Holding Companies |

#### Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services

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|--------|--|
| 561110 | Office Administrative Services   |
| 561210 | Facilities Support Services  |
| 561300 | Employment Services  |
| 561410 | Document Preparation Services  |
| 561420 | Telephone Call Centers   |
| 561430 | Business Service Centers (including private mail centers & copy shops)                                   |
| 561440 | Collection Agencies  |
| 561450 | Credit Bureaus   |
| 561490 | Other Business Support Services (including repossession services, court reporting, & stenotype services) |
| 561500 | Travel Arrangement & Reservation Services  |
| 561600 | Investigation & Security Services  |
| 561710 | Exterminating & Pest Control Services  |
| 561720 | Janitorial Services  |
| 561730 | Landscaping Services   |
| 561740 | Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Services  |
| 561790 | Other Services to Buildings & Dwellings  |
|        |  |

Other Support Services (including packaging & labeling services, & convention & trade show organizers)

Waste Management and Remediation Services

562000 Waste Management & Remediation Services

#### **Educational Services**

561900

611000 Educational Services (including schools, colleges, & universities)

### Health Care and Social Assistance

#### Offices of Physicians and Dentists

- 621111 Offices of Physicians (except mental health specialists)
- 621112 Offices of Physicians, Mental Health Specialists
- 621210 Offices of Dentists

|              | Other Health Practitioners  |
|--------------|---|
| 621310       | Offices of Chiropractors  |
| 621320       | Offices of Optometrists   |
| 621330       | Offices of Mental Health Practitioners (except Physicians)  |
| 621340       | Offices of Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapists, & Audiologists   |
| 621391       | Offices of Podiatrists  |
| 621399       | Offices of All Other Miscellaneous Practitioners  |
|              |   |
| Outpatient   | Care Centers  |
| 621410       | Family Planning Centers   |
| 621420       | Outpatient Mental Health & Substance Abuse Centers  |
| 621491       | HMO Medical Centers   |
| 621492       | Kidney Dialysis Centers   |
| 621493       | Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical & Emergency Centers  |
| 621498       | All Other Outpatient Care Centers   |
|              |   |
| Medical an   | d Diagnostic Laboratories   |
| 621510       | Medical & Diagnostic Laboratories   |
|              |   |
| Home Heal    | th Care Services  |
| 621610       | Home Health Care Services   |
|              |   |
| Other Amb    | ulatory Health Care Services  |
| 621900       | Other Ambulatory Health Care Services (including ambulance services & blood & organ banks)                              |
|              |   |
| Hospitals    |   |
| 622000       | Hospitals   |
|              | ·   |
| Nursing an   | d Residential Care Facilities   |
| 623000       | Nursing & Residential Care Facilities   |
|              | ·   |
| Social Assi. | stance  |
| 624100       | Individual & Family Services  |
| 624200       | Community Food & Housing & Emergency & Other Relief Services  |
| 624310       | Vocational Rehabilitation Services  |
| 624410       | Child Day Care Services   |
|              |   |
| Arts, Ente   | rtainment, and Recreation   |
| ,            |   |
| Performing   | Arts, Spectator Sports, and Related Industries  |
| 711100       | Performing Arts Companies   |
| 711210       | Spectator Sports (including sports clubs & racetracks)  |
| 711300       | Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, & Similar Events  |
| 711410       | Agents & Managers for Artists, Athletes, Entertainers, & Other Public Figures   |
| 711510       | Independent Artists, Writers, & Performers  |
| /11010       |   |
| Museums. 1   | Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions  |
| 712100       | Museums, Historical Sites, & Similar Institutions   |
| .12100       |   |
| Amusement    | t, Gambling, and Recreation Industries  |
| 713100       | Amusement Parks & Arcades   |
| 713200       | Gambling Industries   |
| 713200       | Other Amusement & Recreation Industries (including golf courses, skiing facilities, marinas, fitness centers, & bowling |
| ,15700       | centers)  |
|              |   |

### Accommodation and Food Services

### Accommodation

| 721110 | Hotels (except Casino Hotels) & Motels               |
|--------|--|
| 721120 | Casino Hotels  |
| 721191 | Bed & Breakfast Inns                                 |
| 721199 | All Other Traveler Accommodation                     |
| 721210 | RV (Recreational Vehicle) Parks & Recreational Camps |
| 721310 | Rooming & Boarding Houses                            |

### Food Services and Drinking Places

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|--------|---|
| 722110 | Full-Service Restaurants  |
| 722210 | Limited-Service Eating Places   |
| 722300 | Special Food Services (including food service contractors & caterers) |
| 722410 | Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)                                 |
|        |   |

### **Other Services**

### Repair and Maintenance

| 811110 | Automotive Mechanical & Electrical Repair & Maintenance   |
|--------|---|
| 811120 | Automotive Body, Paint, Interior, & Glass Repair  |
| 811190 | Other Automotive Repair & Maintenance (including oil change & lubrication shops & car washes)       |
| 811210 | Electronic & Precision Equipment Repair & Maintenance   |
| 811310 | Commercial & Industrial Machinery & Equipment (except Automotive & Electronic) Repair & Maintenance |
| 811410 | Home & Garden Equipment & Appliance Repair & Maintenance  |
| 811420 | Reupholstery & Furniture Repair   |
| 811430 | Footwear & Leather Goods Repair   |
| 811490 | Other Personal & Household Goods Repair & Maintenance   |
|        |   |

### Personal and Laundry Services

| 812111 | Barber Shops  |
|--------|---|
| 812112 | Beauty Shops  |
| 812113 | Nail Salons   |
| 812190 | Other Personal Care Services (including diet & weight reducing centers) |
| 812210 | Funeral Homes & Funeral Services  |
| 812220 | Cemeteries & Crematories  |
| 812310 | Coin-Operated Laundries & Drycleaners                                   |
| 812320 | Drycleaning & Laundry Services (except Coin-Operated)                   |
| 812330 | Linen & Uniform Supply  |
| 812910 | Pet Care (except Veterinary) Services                                   |
| 812920 | Photofinishing  |
| 812930 | Parking Lots & Garages  |
| 812990 | All Other Personal Services   |
|        |   |

### Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations

- 813000 Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, & Similar Organizations (including condominium and homeowner associations)
- 813930 Labor Unions and Similar Labor Organizations
- 921000 Governmental Instrumentality or Agency

## Requesting an exemption from e-filing

PBGC may grant an exemption from the electronic filing requirement for good cause in appropriate circumstances. PBGC will weigh each request for exemption on the basis of the particular facts and circumstances presented. To provide PBGC adequate time to review and respond to an exemption request, the request should be submitted as early as possible, preferably at least 60 days before the filing due date. If for some reason an exemption request is not submitted before the filing due date and a paper filing is made, an exemption request should accompany the paper filing.

Requests for an exemption from the electronic filing requirement must be made in writing (e-mail, letter or fax). See Appendix 2 for information on where to send requests. Questions regarding exemption requests may be made in writing or by phone.

## What to file

If PBGC has granted you an exemption from electronic filing for 2008, you must file using PBGC forms that can be downloaded from PBGC's Web site. These forms also may be obtained by contacting PBGC.

If you do not have an exemption, but you choose to make a paper filing in anticipation of an exemption, you may make your filing on PBGC's paper forms, but you must include an attachment explaining that you do not have an exemption and providing an explanation of why you are submitting a paper filing. If you submitted an exemption request to which PBGC has not yet responded, report the date the request was submitted in the attachment. If you have not yet submitted an exemption request, attach it to your filing.

Note that if you do not receive the anticipated exemption, your paper filing will not satisfy the electronic filing requirement. Failure to comply with the electronic filing requirement without an exemption is subject to penalty under ERISA section 4071.

# Certifications

Be sure to complete the Plan Administrator certification on the form. Also, if you are filing for a Single-employer Plan be sure to have the enrolled actuary complete the enrolled actuary certification on the form unless such certification is not required (see "Description of Data Elements" section).

### **Information About Attachments**

Be sure to report that additional information is attached to the filing (see item 20 in the "Description of Data Elements" section). Show the EIN/PN and the first day of the plan year (identified as "PYC") for this filing at the top of each attachment to your filing.

# Where to file

You may make a paper premium filing by hand, mail, or commercial delivery service, using PBGC forms that you can download from PBGC's Web site or obtain by contacting PBGC. Mail your paper premium filing (and check, if payment is by check) to one of the following addresses:

| If you send your filing via the U.S. Postal<br>Service (regular or certified mail) | If you use a delivery service that does not deliver to a P.O. Box |
|--|---|
| Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation   | Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation                              |
| Dept. 77430  | JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.   |
| P.O. Box 77000   | 9000 Haggerty Road  |
| Detroit, MI 48277-0430   | Dept. 77430   |
|  | Mail Code MI1-8244  |
|  | Belleville, MI 48111  |

### Paying your premium

If you are paying by check, write the EIN/PN and the date the Premium Payment Year commenced (PYC) on the check and include your check with the paper filing.

If you are paying by electronic funds transfers (ACH or Fedwire) — make the transfer to:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

# ABA: 071000013

### Account: 656510666

### **Beneficiary: PBGC**

### Reference: "EIN/PN: XX-XXXXXX/XXX

### PYC: MM/DD/YY"

Report the EIN/PN and the date the Premium Payment Year commenced (PYC) in the payment ID line of the electronic funds transfer in the format "EIN/PN: XX-XXXXX/ XXX PYC: MM/DD/YY." Since we process these payments electronically, strict adherence to this format is required for accurate and timely application of your payment. Any deviation from the prescribed format may result in our sending you a bill for premium, interest, and penalty if our automated system cannot apply your payment.

# **Appendix 6** — **Paperwork Reduction Act Notice**

We need this information to determine the amount of premium due to PBGC under Title IV of ERISA. You are required to give us this information. 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. OMB has approved this collection of information under control number 1212-0009.

Confidentiality is that provided by the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Shown below is the estimated burden associated with the preparation and submission of premium filings (both estimated flat-rate filings for Large Plans and comprehensive filings for all plans). The burden estimates are expressed in hours and are averages for the plans in each of the listed categories. These times will vary depending on the circumstances of a given plan.

|                     |  | Average<br>Burden |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|
|                     |  |                   |
| •                   | Small Plans (prior year Participant Count - fewer than 100)                    | 6.00 hours        |
| •                   | Mid-size Plans (prior year Participant Count - 100 or more but fewer than 500) | 6.50 hours        |
| •                   | Large Plans (prior year Participant Count - 500 or more)                       | 8.25 hours        |
| Multiemployer Plans |  | 4.25 hours        |

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these burden estimates or suggestions for making the forms or the electronic filing process simpler, please send your comments to Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Legislative & Regulatory Department, 1200 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026.

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