
In 1985, on its own initiative, PBGC approved the 1981 Multiemployer Pension Plan Arbitration Rules for Withdrawal Liability Disputes (the "1981 MPPAR"), an alternative arbitration procedure sponsored by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and administered by AAA. 50 FR 38046 (Sept. 19, 1985). In 1986, PBGC approved AAA's request to use an amended MPPAR (the "1986 MPPAR") which eliminated certain procedural differences between the 1981 MPPAR and PBGC’s final arbitration regulation. 51 FR 22585 (June 20, 1986). The administrative fee schedule for handling arbitrations in the 1986 MPPAR was applicable until 2013, when AAA adopted an updated 2013 Fee Schedule, creating a revised MPPAR, effective February 1, 2013 ("2013 MPPAR"). The new Administrative Fee Schedule provides for increases to the Initial Filing Fee, establishes two different fee arrangements—the Standard and Flexible Fee Schedules, and adds a "Final Fee" under each schedule and a "Proceed Fee" in the flexible schedule context. Other than significant changes to the Administrative Fee Schedule, the 2013 MPPAR are identical to the 1986 MPPAR that PBGC previously approved. Under 4221.14, AAA has requested PBGC’s approval of the updated 2013 Fee Schedule (the “Application”).

AAA’s Application included the necessary information under 4221.14(c):
A copy of the 2013 Fee Schedule; a description of the history, structure and membership of AAA; and a discussion of the reasons why, in AAA's opinion, the 2013 Fee Schedule satisfies the criteria for PBGC approval under § 4221.14(d).

A copy of AAA’s Application can be found at: http://www.pbgc.gov/prac/pg/other/guidance/multiemployer-notices.html.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT


ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a revised information collection request (ICR) 3206–0194, Annuity Supplement Earnings Report, RI 92–22. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on August 11, 2015 at Volume 80 FR 48125 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 22, 2016. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Retirement Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415–0001, Attention: Alberta Butler, Room 2347E, or sent via email to Alberta.Butler@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

RI 92–22, Annuity Supplement Earnings Report, is used each year to obtain the earned income of Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) annuitants receiving an annuity supplement. The annuity supplement is paid to eligible FERS annuitants who are not retired on disability and are not yet age 62. The supplement approximates the portion of a full career Social Security benefit earned while under FERS and ends at age 62. Like Social Security benefits, the annuity supplement subject to an earnings limitation.

Analysis


Title: Annuity Supplement Earnings Report.

OMB Number: 3206–0194.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 13,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 3,250.


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