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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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ARCH will continue to provide a forum for the speedy dissemination of current actuarial thinking, rather than for the publication of thoroughly edited papers. We plan to include articles of practical and statistical significance as well as those of a conceptual or mathematical nature. Thus, the present issue includes a brief survey of the valuation assumptions used for 181 small pension plans in the post-ERISA period from June, 1976 to May, 1977.

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