

**POSTAL SERVICE****Product Change—Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage®, and Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreement**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* December 29, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sean C. Robinson, 202–268–8405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on December 22, 2023, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage®, and Parcel Select Contract 3 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2024–139, CP2024–145.

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**POSTAL SERVICE****Product Change—Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage® Negotiated Service Agreement**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* December 29, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sean Robinson, 202–268–8405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on December 26, 2023, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 157 to Competitive Product List*. Documents

are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2024–142, CP2024–148.

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD****Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

**1. Title and Purpose of Information Collection: Medical Reports; OMB 3220–0038**

Under sections 2(a)(1)(iv) and 2(a)(1)(v) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231a), annuities are payable to qualified railroad employees whose physical or mental condition makes them unable to (1) work in their regular occupation (occupational disability) or (2) work at all (total disability). The requirements for establishing disability and proof of continuing disability under the RRA are prescribed in 20 CFR 220.

Annuities are also payable to (1) qualified spouses and widow(ers) under sections 2(c)(1)(ii)(C) and 2(d)(1)(ii) of the RRA who have a qualifying child who became disabled before age 22; (2) surviving children on the basis of disability under section 2(d)(1)(iii)(C), if the child's disability began before age 22; and (3) widow(ers) on the basis of

disability under section 2(d)(1)(i)(B). To meet the disability standard, the RRA provides that individuals must have a permanent physical or mental condition that makes them unable to engage in any regular employment.

Under section 2(d)(1)(v) of the RRA, annuities are also payable to remarried widow(ers) and surviving divorced spouses on the basis of, among other things, disability or having a qualifying disabled child in care. However, the disability standard in these cases is that found in the Social Security Act. That is, individuals must be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment. The RRB also determines entitlement to a Period of Disability and entitlement to early Medicare based on disability for qualified claimants in accordance with section 216 of the Social Security Act.

When making disability determinations, the RRB needs evidence from acceptable medical sources. The RRB currently utilizes Forms G–3EMP, Report of Medical Condition by Employer; G–197, Authorization to Disclose Information to the Railroad Retirement Board; G–250, Medical Assessment; G–250A, Medical Assessment of Residual Functional Capacity; G–260, Report of Seizure Disorder; RL–11B, Disclosure of Hospital Medical Records; RL–11D, Disclosure of Medical Records from a State Agency; RL–11D1, Request for Medical Evidence from Employers, and RL–250, Request for Medical Assessment, to obtain the necessary medical evidence. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required for all forms to obtain benefits except Form RL–11D1, which is voluntary.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (88 FR 73054 on October 24, 2023) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

**Information Collection Request (ICR)**

*Title:* Medical Reports.

*OMB Control Number:* 3220–0038.

*Form(s) submitted:* G–3EMP, G–197, G–250, G–250a, G–260, RL–11B, RL–11D, RL–11D1, and RL–250.

*Type of request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Affected public:* Individuals or households; Private Sector; State, Local and Tribal Government.

*Abstract:* The Railroad Retirement Act provides disability annuities for qualified railroad employees whose physical or mental condition renders

them incapable of working in their regular occupation (occupational disability) or any occupation (total disability). The medical reports obtain

information needed for determining the nature and severity of the impairment. *Changes proposed:* The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-3EMP, G-197, G-

250, G-250A, G-260, RL-11B, RL-11D, RL-11D1, and RL-250.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form number	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G-3EMP .....	600	10	100
G-197 .....	6,000	10	1,000
G-250 .....	11,950	30	5,975
G-250A .....	50	20	17
G-260 .....	100	25	42
RL-11B .....	5,000	10	833
RL-11D .....	250	10	42
RL-11D1 .....	600	20	200
RL-250 .....	11,950	10	1,992
Total .....	36,500	.....	10,201

## 2. Title and Purpose of Information Collection: Report of Stock Options and Other Payments; OMB 3220-0203

The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is directed by 45 U.S.C. 231f(c)(2) to establish a financial interchange (FI) between the railroad retirement and social security systems to place the Social Security Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) and Disability Insurance (DI) Trust Funds and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Insurance (HI) Trust Fund in the same condition they would have been had railroad employment been covered by the Social Security Act and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). Each year, the RRB estimates the benefits and expenses that would have been paid by these trust funds, as well as the payroll taxes and income taxes that would have been received by them. To make these estimates, the RRB requires information on all earnings data that are not taxable under the Railroad Retirement Tax Act (RRTA) but would be taxable under FICA.

A recent court ruling, *Wisconsin Central Ltd. v. U.S.*, determined that non-qualified stock options (NQSOs) are not taxable under section 3231 of RRTA but would be taxable under FICA. Additionally, in *Union Pacific Railroad Co. v. U.S.*, the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals determined whether certain ratification payments were taxable under the RRTA. The RRB requires

railroad employer to provide information on the value of NQSOs and any ratification payments from the railroad employer separately from a railroad worker's reported RRTA compensation to determine the payroll taxes due to the Social Security Administration (SSA) and CMS and administer transfer of funds between the RRB, SSA and CMS accordingly.

The payroll information collected from the BA-15 is essential for the calculation of payroll taxes and benefits used by the FI. Failure to collect NQSOs and ratification payment information will result in understating the payroll taxes that should have been collected and the benefit amounts that would have been payable under the Social Security Act for FI purposes. Accurate compensation file tabulations are also an integral part of the data needed to estimate future tax revenues and corresponding FI amounts. Without information on NQSOs and ratification payments, the amount of funds to be transferred between the RRB, SSA and CMS cannot be determined.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (88 FR 73055 on October 24, 2023) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

### Information Collection Request (ICR)

*Title:* Report of Stock Options and Other Payments.

*OMB Control Number:* 3220-0203.

*Form(s) submitted:* BA-15.

*Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection of information.

*Affected public:* Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits.

*Abstract:* Section 7(b) (6) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 231f(c)(2)) requires a financial interchange between the SSA, CMS, and the RRB trust funds. The collection obtains non-qualified stock options and ratification payments for railroad employees. The information is used to calculate the correct payroll taxes and benefits that would have been paid to place the OASDI and CMS trust funds in the same condition they would have been had railroad employment been covered by the SS and FIC acts.

*Changes proposed:* The RRB proposes minor non burden impacting changes to the Form BA-15:

- remove the word "ratification" and replace with "other" in the first paragraph of the form and section 24-27 of the Form tab,
- remove the word "ratification" and replace with "other" in the Instructions tab for number 14-17 & 24-27,
- remove the word "ratification" and replace with "other" in the Data Layout tab for 28-31, and
- remove the first row titled "Column" in the Data Layout tab.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

## ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form number	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
BA-15 (by secure Email, FTP, or CD-ROM)—Positive .....	50	300	250
BA-15 (by secure Email, FTP, or CD-ROM)—Negative .....	550	15	137.5
Total .....	600	.....	388

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Kennisha Money at (312) 469-2591 or [Kennisha.Money@rrb.gov](mailto:Kennisha.Money@rrb.gov).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-1275 or [Brian.Foster@rrb.gov](mailto:Brian.Foster@rrb.gov) and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

**Brian Foster,**  
Clearance Officer.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-420, OMB Control No. 3235-0479]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 15c2-7

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

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 15c2-7 (17 CFR 240.15c2-7) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 15c2-7 places disclosure requirements on broker-dealers who have correspondent relationships, or agreements identified in the Rule, with other broker-dealers. Whenever any such broker-dealer enters a quotation for a security through an inter-dealer quotation system, Rule 15c2-7 requires the broker-dealer to disclose these relationships and agreements in the manner required by the Rule. The inter-dealer quotation system must also be able to make these disclosures public in association with the quotation the broker-dealer is making.

When Rule 15c2-7 was adopted in 1964, the information it requires was necessary for execution of the Commission's mandate under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prevent fraudulent, manipulative, and deceptive acts by broker-dealers. In the absence of the information collection

required under Rule 15c2-7, investors and broker-dealers would have been unable to accurately determine the market depth of, and demand for, securities in an inter-dealer quotation system.

There are approximately 3,493 broker-dealers registered with the Commission. Any of these broker-dealers could be potential respondents for Rule 15c2-7, so the Commission is using that number as the number of respondents. Rule 15c2-7 applies only to quotations entered into an inter-dealer quotation system, such as OTC Link, operated by OTC Markets Group Inc. ("OTC Link"). According to a representative of OTC Link, it has not received any Rule 15c2-7 notices since the previous PRA extension for Rule 15c2-7 in 2020; nor does OTC Link anticipate receiving any Rule 15c2-7 notices. However, because such notices could be made, the Commission estimates that one filing is made annually pursuant to Rule 15c2-7.

Based on prior industry reports, the Commission estimates that the average time required to enter a disclosure pursuant to the Rule is .75 minutes, or 45 seconds. The Commission sees no reason to change this estimate. We estimate that impacted respondents spend a total of .0125 hours per year to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-7 (1 notice (x) 45 seconds/notice).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by January 29, 2024 to (i) [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: December 26, 2023.

**Christina Z. Milnor,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20128 and #20129; KANSAS Disaster Number KS-20002]

### Administrative Disaster Declaration of a Rural Area for the State of Kansas

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative disaster declaration of a rural area for the State of Kansas dated 12/22/2023.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 07/14/2023 through 07/21/2023.

**DATES:** Issued on 12/22/2023.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/20/2024.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/23/2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration of a rural area, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Wallace

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.375
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	