

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments on this proposal to the Manager, Postage Technology Management, 1735 N Lynn Street, Room 5011, Arlington, VA 22209-6370. Copies of all written comments will be available at the address in this section for public inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne A. Wilkerson, manager of Postage Technology Management, at 703-292-3691 or by fax at 703-292-4073.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Changes

The Retirement Plan for Manually Set Postage Meters, published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2000 (65 FR 77934), specified that a manually set electronic meter could be used until the end of the calendar quarter following the quarter in which the lease expires, at which time the meter must be retired and withdrawn from service. However, the Postal Service is upgrading the systems used to process point of sale transactions in local Post Offices™. Given the limited number of active manually set meters that will be in service after January 1, 2005 (fewer than 200), the Postal Service cannot justify the cost of including the associated transactions in the development of the new system. Therefore, the Postal Service proposes to retire all manually set electronic meters from service, effective May 31, 2005. The proposed change will affect fewer than 200 meters.

The Proposed Revised Plan

The Postal Service retirement date for manually set electronic meters with lease expiration dates on or after October 1, 2004, will be May 31, 2005. The Postal Service will set no electronic manually set meters after February 28, 2005. Anyone in possession of a manually set meter must return it to the meter provider on or before May 31, 2005. The meter provider will withdraw the meter from service.

Effective August 1, 2004, no manually set meter in service may be replaced by another manually set meter, even when the meter malfunctions, and no manually set meter may be relocated to a different licensing Post Office.

Any manually set electronic postage meter that is capable of remote meter setting must be either converted to remote meter setting or retired from service and returned to the meter

provider. The function that allows manual setting must be disabled.

The manager of Postage Technology Management, Postal Service Headquarters, will send official notification to those affected users with an explanation of this plan. No other correspondence is official. The manager of Postage Technology Management reserves the right to review manufacturer correspondence to these meter users prior to its distribution.

A final plan will be published after the Postal Service has received and reviewed all interested parties' comments.

Neva R. Watson,

Attorney, Legislative.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Application and Claim for Unemployment Benefits and Employment Service, OMB 3220-0022. Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), provides unemployment benefits for qualified railroad employees. These benefits are generally payable for each day of unemployment in excess of four during a registration period (normally a period of 14 days).

Section 12 of the RUIA provides that the RRB establish, maintain and operate free employment facilities directed toward the reemployment of railroad employees. The procedures for applying for the unemployment benefits and

employment service and for registering and claiming the benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 325.

The RRB utilizes the following forms to collect the information necessary to pay unemployment benefits: Form UI-1 (or its Internet equivalent, Form UI-1 (Internet)), Application for Unemployment Benefits and Employment Service, is completed by a claimant for unemployment benefits once in a benefit year, at the time of first registration. Completion of Form UI-1 or UI-1 (Internet) also registers an unemployment claimant for the RRB's employment service. The RRB proposes no changes to Form UI-1 or UI-1 (Internet).

The RRB also utilizes Form UI-3, Claim for Unemployment Benefits, for use in claiming unemployment benefits for days of unemployment in a particular registration period, normally a period of 14 days. The RRB proposes minor editorial changes to UI-3.

The RRB is proposing the implementation of an Internet equivalent of Form UI-3, Claim for Unemployment Benefits, as an addition to the information collection. The information collected on proposed Form UI-3 (Internet), Claim for Unemployment Benefits, will essentially mirror what is requested on Form UI-3. However, the UI-3 (Internet) will take advantage of opportunities to electronically edit and skip unnecessary items as well as give respondents the opportunity to change/modify their Direct Deposit Information.

Completion of Forms UI-1, UI-1 (Internet), UI-3 and the proposed UI-3 (Internet) is required to obtain or retain benefits. The number of responses required of each claimant varies, depending on their period of unemployment. The RRB estimates that approximately 11,200 Form UI-1's (9700 paper and 1,500 Internet) will be filed annually. Completion time for Form UI-1 and UI-1 (Internet) is estimated at 10 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 116,000 Form UI-3's (92,800 manual and 23,200 Internet) will be filed annually. Completion time for Form UI-3 and the proposed UI-3 (Internet) is estimated at 6 minutes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J.

Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology; Workshop on Federal-State Research and Development Cooperation

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Dates and Place: June 29, 2004, Cleveland, OH. The meeting will be held in Ballroom C of the Intercontinental Hotel and Conference Center, 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Type of Meeting: Open. Further details on the agenda will be posted on the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology is scheduled to meet in open session on Tuesday June 29, 2004, at approximately 8:30 a.m. The PCAST will hold a Workshop on Federal-State Research and Development Cooperation. The Workshop will examine States' roles in the Nation-wide scientific and technological infrastructure with a special emphasis on Federal-State cooperation. It is intended: (1) To develop recommendations to the President on where Federal improvements can be made, and (2) to distill and showcase practical suggestions for all States to improve their pursuit of successful innovation and economic growth.

Speakers will include Federal officials, other States' science and technology representatives, and Ohio higher education and business representatives.

The Workshop will end at approximately 5 p.m. Additional information on the agenda will be

posted at the PCAST Web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>.

Public Comments: There will be time throughout the Workshop for attendees to join in the discussion of the above agenda items. *This public comment time is designed for substantive commentary on the Workshop's topics, not for business marketing purposes.* Written comments are also welcome at any time prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Stan Sokul, PCAST Executive Director, at (202) 456-6070, or fax your comments to (202) 456-6021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding time, place and agenda, please call Stan Sokul at (202) 456-6070, prior to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2004. Information will also be available at the PCAST web site at: <http://www.ostp.gov/PCAST/pcast.html>. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 13226, on September 30, 2001. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of science and technology policy, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Council members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John H. Marburger, III, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and by E. Floyd Kvamme, a Partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

Ann Mazur,

Assistant Director for Budget and Administration, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 19b-5 and Form PILOT; SEC File No. 270-448; OMB Control No. 3235-0507.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities

and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 19b-5 provides a temporary exemption from the rule-filing requirements of Section 19(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") to self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") wishing to establish and operate pilot trading systems. Rule 19b-5 permits an SRO to develop a pilot trading system and to begin operation of such system shortly after submitting an initial report on Form PILOT to the Commission. During operation of the pilot trading system, the SRO must submit quarterly reports of the system's operation to the Commission, as well as timely amendments describing any material changes to the system. After two years of operating such pilot trading system under the exemption afforded by Rule 19b-5, the SRO must submit a rule filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act in order to obtain permanent approval of the pilot trading system from the Commission.

The collection of information is designed to allow the Commission to maintain an accurate record of all new pilot trading systems operated by SROs and to determine whether an SRO has properly availed itself of the exemption afforded by Rule 19b-5.

The respondents to the collection of information are SROs, as defined by the Act, including national securities exchanges and national securities associations.

Ten respondents file an average total of 6 initial reports, 24 quarterly reports, and 12 amendments per year, with an estimated total annual response burden of 252 hours. At an average hourly cost of \$51.71, the aggregate related cost of compliance with Rule 19b-5 for all respondents is \$13,032 per year (252 burden hours multiplied by \$51.71/hour = \$13,032).

Written comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or