

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 submission of responses.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Briefing on the Domestic Mail Manual

ACTION: Notice of briefing.

SUMMARY: The Commission will host a briefing by Postal Service representatives on Thursday, October 24, 2002 at 10 a.m. The topic is revisions to the Domestic Mail Manual. Chapter One, which describes various postal retail products, is intended for use by individual mailers. Subsequent chapters are intended to be used by various categories of business mailers. The briefing which is open to the public, will be held in the Commission's hearing room.

DATES: October 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Postal Rate Commission (hearing room), 1333 H Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, 202-789-6815.

Steven W. Williams,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

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: Gross Earnings Report; OMB 3220-0132.

In order to carry out the financial interchange provisions of section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB obtains annually from railroad employer's the gross earnings for their employees on a one-percent basis, i.e., 1% of each employer's railroad employees. The gross earnings sample is based on the earnings of employees whose social security numbers end with the digits "30." The gross earnings are used to compute payroll taxes under the financial interchange.

The gross earnings information is essential in determining the tax amounts involved in the financial interchange with the Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Besides being necessary for current financial interchange calculations, the gross earnings file tabulations are also an integral part of the data needed to estimate future tax income and corresponding financial interchange amounts. These estimates are made for internal use and to satisfy requests from other government agencies and interested groups. In addition, cash flow projections of the social security equivalent benefit account, railroad retirement account and cost estimates made for proposed amendments to laws administered by the RRB are dependent on input developed from the information collection.

The RRB utilizes Form BA-11 or its electronic equivalent to obtain gross earnings information from railroad employers. One response is requested of each railroad employer. Completion is mandatory. No changes are proposed to Form BA-11.

Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

Gross earnings reports are required annually from all employers reporting railroad service and compensation. There are approximately 637 railroad employers who currently report gross earnings to the RRB. Most large railroad

employers include their railroad subsidiaries in their gross earnings reports. This results in the RRB collecting less than 637 earnings reports. Also, there are a large number of railroad employers having work forces so small that they do not have employees with social security numbers ending in "30." Currently, there are 373 such employers in this category who file "negative" BA-11 responses to the RRB. Overall, on an annual basis, the RRB receives 54 reports consisting of computer prepared tapes or diskettes and 100 by means of manually prepared Form BA-11. The RRB estimates an average preparation time of 5 hours for each gross earnings report submitted by computer tape or diskette and 30 minutes for each manually prepared BA-11.

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.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Regulations 13D and 13G; Schedules 13D
and 13G, SEC File No. 270-137, OMB
Control No. 3235-0145.
Form F-6, SEC File No. 270-270, OMB
Control No. 3235-0292.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Schedules 13D and 13G are filed pursuant to sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

("Exchange Act") and Regulation 13D and 13G thereunder are intended to report beneficial ownership of equity securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act. Regulations 13D and 13G are intended to provide investors and the subject issuers with information about accumulations of securities that may have the potential to change or influence control of the issuer. Schedule 13G and Schedule 13D are used by persons including small entities to report their ownership of more than 5% of a class of equity securities registered under Section 12. Schedule 13D takes approximately 43,500 total burden hours and is filed by 3,000 respondents. The filer prepares 25% of the 43,500 annual burden hours for a total reporting burden of 10,875 hours. Schedule 13G takes approximately 98,800 total burden hours and is filed by 9,500 respondents. The filer prepares 25% of the 98,800 annual burden hours for a total reporting burden of 24,700 hours. Therefore, the reporting burden for both Schedules is 35,575 and they are prepared by a total of 12,500 respondents. Respondents file either Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G only when necessary.

The information provided by respondents is mandatory. All information provided to the Commission is public. However, Rules 0-6 and 24b-2 under the Exchange Act permits reporting persons to request confidential treatment for certain sensitive information concerning national security, trade secrets, or privileged commercial or financial information.

The Commission under section 19 of the Securities Act of 1933 established Form F-6 for registration of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) of foreign companies. Form F-6 requires disclosure of information regarding the terms of depository bank, fees charged, and a description of the ADRs. No special information regarding the foreign company is required to be prepared or disclosed, although the foreign company must be one, which periodically furnishes information to the Commission. Such information is available to the public for inspection. The information is needed to ensure that investors in ADRs have full disclosure of information concerning the deposit agreement and foreign company. Approximately 150 respondents file Form F-6 and it takes .9 hours to prepare for a total of 135 annual burden hours. It is estimated that 25% of the 135 total burden hours (33.75 hours) is prepared by the company. The information provided on Form F-6 is mandatory to best ensure

full disclosure of ADRs being issued in the U.S. All information provided to the Commission is available for public review upon request.

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 control number.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: October 3, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Rule 10b-17, SEC File No. 270-427, OMB Control No. 3235-0476

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Rule 10b-17, Untimely announcements of record dates (17 CFR 240.10b-17)

Rule 10b-17 requires any issuer of a class of securities publicly traded by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails or of any facility of any national securities exchange to give notice of the following actions relating to such class of securities: (1) A dividend; (2) a stock split; or (3) a rights or other subscription offering. Notice shall be (1) given to the National Association of Securities

Dealers, Inc.; (2) in accordance with the procedures of the national securities exchange upon which the securities are registered; or (3) may be waived by the Commission.

The information required by Rule 10b-17 is necessary for the execution of the Commission's mandate under the Exchange Act to prevent fraudulent, manipulative, and deceptive acts and practices by broker-dealers. The consequence of not requiring the information collection pursuant to Rule 10b-17 is that sellers who have received distributions as recordholders may dispose of the cash or stock dividends or other rights received as recordholders without knowledge of possible claims of purchasers.

It is estimated that, on an annual basis, there are approximately 29,430 respondents and that each response takes about 10 minutes to complete, thus imposing approximately 4,905 burden hours annually (29,430 × 10 minutes). It is believed that the average hourly cost to produce and file a response under the rule is about \$50. Therefore, the annual reporting cost burden for complying with this rule is about \$245,250 (4,905 × \$50).

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 control number. Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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