

organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

With respect to the tariff-rate quota of 64,709 metric tons for certain sugar-containing products maintained under Additional U.S. Note to Chapter 17 to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, USTR is allocating 59,250 metric tons to Canada. The remainder of the sugar-containing products tariff-rate quota is available for other countries on a first-come, first-served basis.

\*Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

**Susan C. Schwab,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

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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:* Representative Payee Monitoring; OMB 3220-0151. Under Section 12 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB may pay annuity benefits to a representative payee when an employee, spouse or survivor annuitant is incompetent or a minor. The RRB is responsible for determining if direct payment to an annuitant or a representative payee would best serve the annuitant's best interest. The accountability requirements authorizing the RRB to conduct periodic monitoring of representative payees, including a written accounting of benefit payments received, are prescribed in 20 CFR 266.7.

The RRB utilizes the following forms to conduct its representative payee monitoring program.

Form G-99a, *Representative Payee Report*, is used to obtain information needed to determine whether the benefit payments certified to the representative payee have been used for the annuitant's current maintenance and personal needs and whether the representative payee continues to be concerned with the annuitant's welfare. RRB Form G-99c, *Representative Payee Evaluation Report*, is used to obtain more detailed information from a representative payee who fails to complete and return Form G-99a, or in situations when the returned Form G-99a indicates the possible misuse of funds by the representative payee. Form G-99c contains specific questions concerning the representative payee's performance and is used by the RRB to determine whether or not the representative payee should continue in that capacity. Completion of the forms in this collection is required to retain benefits.

The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-99a. Non-burden impacting editorial and formatting changes are proposed for Form G-99c. The completion time for Form G-99a is estimated at 18 minutes per response. The completion time for Form G-99c is estimated at between 24 to 31 minutes per response. The RRB estimates that approximately 6,000 Form G-99a's and 535 G-99c's are completed annually.

*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](mailto: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](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV). Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Charles Mierzwa,**  
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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

*Summary:* 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) to request a revision to a currently approved collection of information: 3220-0057, Placement Service consisting of Form(s) ES-2, ES-21, ES-21c, UI-35, and Job Vacancies Reports. 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 collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (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 RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

Section 12(i) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), authorizes the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) to establish, maintain, and operate free employment offices to provide claimants for unemployment benefits with job placement opportunities. Section 704(d) of the Regional Railroad Reorganization Act of 1973, as amended, and as extended by the consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, required the RRB to maintain and distribute a list of railroad job vacancies, by class and craft, based on information furnished by rail carriers to the RRB. Although the requirement under the law expired effective August 13, 1987, the RRB has continued to obtain this information in keeping with its employment service responsibilities under Section 12(k) of the RUIA. Application procedures for the job placement program are prescribed in 20 CFR 325. The procedures pertaining to the RRB's obtaining and distributing job vacancy reports furnished by rail carriers are described in 20 CFR 346.1.

The RRB currently utilizes four forms to obtain information needed to carry out its job placement responsibilities. Form ES-2, Supplemental Information for Central Register, is used by the RRB to obtain information needed to update a computerized central register of separated and furloughed railroad employees available for employment in the railroad industry. Form ES-21,

Referral to State Employment Service, and ES-21c, Report of State Employment Service Office, are used by the RRB to provide placement assistance for unemployed railroad employees through arrangements with State Employment Service offices. Form UI-35, Field Office Record of Claimant Interview, is used primarily by RRB field office staff to conduct in-person interviews of claimants for unemployment benefits. Completion of these forms is required to obtain or maintain a benefit. In addition, the RRB also collects Railroad Job Vacancies information received voluntarily from railroad employers.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (72 FR 18283-18284 on April 11, 2007) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

#### Information Collection Request (ICR)

*Title:* Placement Service.

*OMB Control Number:* 3220-0057.

*Form(s) submitted:* ES-2, ES-21, ES-21c, UI-35, and Job Vacancies Reports.

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

*Affected public:* Individuals or households, Business or-other-for profit, State, Local and Tribal government.

*Abstract:* Under the RUIA, the Railroad Retirement Board provides job placement assistance for unemployed railroad workers. The collection obtains information from job applicants, railroad employers and State Employment Service offices for use in placement, for providing referrals for job openings, reports of referral results and for verifying and monitoring claimant eligibility.

*Changes Proposed:* The RRB proposes minor, non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form ES-2, and minor non-burden impacting editorial and reformatting changes to Form ES-21. No changes are being proposed to Form ES-21c, UI-35 or to the Railroad Job Vacancies Report.

*The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:*

*Estimated Completion Time for Form ES-2:* .25 minutes.

*Estimated Completion Time for Form ES-21:* .68 minutes.

*Estimated Completion Time for Form ES-21c:* 1.5 minutes.

*Estimated Completion Time for Form UI-35 (in person):* 7 minutes.

*Estimated Completion Time for Form UI-35 (by mail):* 10.5 minutes.

*Estimated Completion Time for Job Vacancies Report:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 10,750.

*Total annual responses:* 23,000.

*Total annual reporting hours:* 1,452.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363) or [Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov).

Comments regarding the information collection should be sent to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or [Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV), and to the Office of Management Budget at ATTN: Desk Officer for RRB, Fax: (202) 395-6974 or via E-mail to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

**Charles Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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#### RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

##### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** 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) to request an extension to a currently approved collection of information: 3220-0079, Certification Regarding Rights to Unemployment Benefits consisting of Form UI-45, Claimant's Statement—Voluntary leaving of Work. 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 collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (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 RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

Under Section 4 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), an employee who leaves work voluntarily is disqualified for unemployment benefits unless the

employee left work for good cause and is not qualified for unemployment benefits under any other law. RRB Form UI-45, Claimant's Statement—Voluntary Leaving of Work, is used by the RRB to obtain the claimant's statement when it is indicated by the claimant, the claimant's employer, or another source that the claimant has voluntarily left work. Completion of Form UI-45 is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is received from each respondent. The RRB proposes a very minor non-burden impacting editorial change to Form UI-45.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (72 FR 9363 on March 1, 2007) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

#### Information Collection Request (ICR)

*Title:* Certification Regarding Rights to Unemployment Benefits.

*OMB Control Number:* 3220-0079.

*Form(s) submitted:* UI-45.

*Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected public:* Individuals or households, Business or-other-for profit.

*Abstract:* In administering the disqualification for the voluntary leaving of work provision of Section 4 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the Railroad Retirement Board investigates an unemployment claim that indicates that the claimant left voluntarily. The certification obtains information needed to determine if the leaving was for good cause.

*Changes Proposed:* The RRB proposes a minor non-burden impacting editorial change to Form UI-45.

*The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:*

*Estimated Completion Time for Form UI-45:* 5-15 minutes.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,950.

*Total annual responses:* 2,900.

*Total annual reporting hours:* 487.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363) or [Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov).

Comments regarding the information collection should be sent to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or [Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV), and to the Office of Management Budget at ATTN: Desk Officer for RRB, Fax : (202) 395-