

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 4)]

**Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures Productivity Adjustment****AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.**ACTION:** Proposed Adoption of a Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures Productivity Adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board proposes to adopt 1.008 (0.8%) as the measure of average change in railroad productivity for the 2002–2006 (5-year) averaging period. This value is a decline of 0.9 of a percentage point from the current measure of 1.7% that was developed for the 2001–2005 period.

**DATES:** Comments are due March 13, 2008.**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The proposed productivity adjustment is effective March 17, 2008.**ADDRESSES:** Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 4) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pedro Ramirez, (202) 245–0333. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov). To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call the Board's contractor, ASAP Document Solutions; 9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail [asapdc@verizon.net](mailto:asapdc@verizon.net); phone (202) 306–4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1–800–877–8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: February 20, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

**Anne K. Quinlan,***Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0154]

**Proposed Information Collection (Application for VA Education Benefits) Activity; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine a claimant's eligibility for educational benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 25, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0154" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at: <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461–9769 or Fax (202) 275–5947.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must

obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

**Titles:**

- a. Application for VA Education Benefits, VA Form 22–1990.
- b. National Call to Service, VA Form 22–1990E.
- c. Transfer of Entitlement VA Form 22–1990N.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0154.**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.**Abstract:**

- a. Claimants complete VA Form 22–1990 to apply for education assistance allowance.
- b. Claimants who signed an enlistment contract with the Department of Defense for the National Call to Service program and elected one of the two education incentives complete VA Form 22–1990E.
- c. VA Form 22–1990N is completed by claimants who wish to transfer his or her Montgomery GI Bill entitlement their dependents.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.**Estimated Annual Burden:** 49,399 hours.**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 20 minutes.**Frequency of Response:** One-time.**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 179,631.

Dated: February 12, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,***Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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