

SUMMARY: This notice establishes a docket to solicit comments on the analyses, arguments, and proposals concerning technical issues related to workshare discount design. The proceeding will allow certain issues raised in an earlier proceeding to be fully addressed.

DATES: Comments are due: November 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, stephen.sharfman@prc.gov or 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Order No. 536 resolves several important threshold legal and policy issues underlying the design of workshare discounts. The Commission concluded that the pricing constraint on workshare discounts established in 39 U.S.C. 3622(e) may apply within or across products, as that term is defined and employed in the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act.¹ It concludes that subsection 3622(e) implements a substantial portion of the policies that underlay the Efficient Component Pricing rule as that principle has been articulated in prior regulatory practice. It also concludes that identifying the groups of mail between which worksharing relationships should be recognized for purposes of subsection 3622(e) requires identification of mail that serves the same market and is distinguished from other mail serving that market predominantly by the costs that worksharing activity avoids. The selection of an appropriate base or reference group from which the costs avoided by worksharing are to be calculated depends on what components of the base group are likely to shift to the workshared group in response to changes in their relative prices.

Applying these principles to mail classes, Order No. 536 concludes that there is a worksharing relationship between presort First-Class Mail and single-piece First-Class Mail that is metered or bears Information Based Indicia (IBI). In this docket, the Commission solicits comments on the appropriate base group for measuring First-Class Mail workshare discounts.

Commenters should feel free to discuss the merits of the current Bulk Metered Mail (BMM) base category as well as a number of already suggested alternatives, including IBI mail, a weighted average of BMM and IBI mail, "Qualified PC Postage" mail, or some other group of single-piece First-Class Mail. It also solicits comments on the specific cost characteristics that the base category selected should have.

Order No. 536 also concludes that Saturation Mail is not in a worksharing relationship with other groups of Standard Mail. Accordingly, there is no need to further examine the issue of identifying an appropriate reference category for pricing Saturation Mail in a follow-on proceeding.

Order No. 536 contemplates that this follow-on proceeding will also consider technical proposals to revise or refine the manner in which avoided costs are modeled. The Postal Service's comments in Docket No. RM2009-3, for example, mention its intention to propose changes to the way some cost pools are classified for purposes of cost avoidance analysis (whether they should be treated as proportional, fixed, or non-worksharing related). The comments of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO in that docket express a more general desire to re-evaluate and modify the current method of classifying avoided cost pools.

In Docket No. RM2009-3, various parties expressed an intent to propose changes to the way delivery and other costs are estimated in calculating the costs avoided by presort First-Class Mail. Comments suggested de-averaging rates for First-Class Mail by indicia, the use of two Cost and Revenue Analysis adjustment factors to develop workshare discounts, and a form of pre-barcoding discount that would recognize the savings generated by single-piece First-Class Mail that is CASS-certified and bears an Intelligent Mail barcode. All of these issues are eligible for consideration in this docket.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2010-13 to consider analyses, arguments, and proposals concerning technical issues that relate to the design of workshare discounts, as described in the body of this order.

2. Comments are due on or before November 15, 2010.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Emmett Rand Costich to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Data Collection(s) 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 collections are 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 for 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.

1. *Title and purpose of information collection:*

Placement Service; OMB 3220-0057: 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

¹ Pub. L. 109-435, 120 Stat. 3198 (2006) (PAEA).

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. No changes are proposed to any of the data collection instruments associated with the information collection.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

The estimated annual respondent burden for this collection is as follows:

Form #(s)	Annual responses	Completion time (min)	Burden (hrs)
ES-2	7,500	0.25	31
ES-21	3,500	0.68	40
ES-21c	1,250	1.50	31
UI-35 (in-person)	9,000	7.00	1,050
UI-35 (by mail)	1,000	10.50	175
Railroad Job Vacancies Report	750	10.00	125
TOTAL	23,000	1,452

2. Title and Purpose of Information Collection:

Withholding Certificate for Railroad Retirement Monthly Annuity Payments; OMB 3220-0149, Form RRB-W-4P:

The Internal Revenue Code requires all payers of tax liable private pensions to U.S. citizens to: (1) Notify each recipient at least concurrent with initial withholding that the payer is, in fact, withholding benefits for tax liability and that the recipient has the option of electing not to have the payer withhold, or to withhold at a specific rate; (2) withhold benefits for tax purposes (in the absence of the recipient's election not to withhold benefits); and (3) notify all beneficiaries, at least annually, that they have the option of changing their withholding status or elect not to have benefits withheld.

The RRB provides Form RRB-W4P, Withholding Certificate for Railroad Retirement Payments, to its annuitants to exercise their withholding options. Completion of the form is required to obtain or retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. No changes are proposed to Form RRB W-4P.

The RRB estimates that 35,000 annuitants utilize Form RRB W-4P annually. The completion time for Form RRB W-4P varies depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average completion time for Form RRB W-4P is 39 minutes for recordkeeping, 24 minutes for learning about the law or the form, and 59 minutes for preparing the form.

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

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12279 and #12280]

Iowa Disaster Number IA-00024

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 3.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Iowa (FEMA-1930-DR), dated 08/14/2010.

Incident: Severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes.

Incident Period: 06/01/2010 through 08/31/2010.

Effective Date: 09/17/2010.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/13/2010.

EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/16/2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business

Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of Iowa, dated 08/14/2010 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):
Appanoose, Wapello.

Contiguous Counties: (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Iowa: Davis, Jefferson.

Missouri: Putnam, Schuyler.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12327 and #12328]

Wisconsin Disaster #WI-00027

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.