DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration; Proposed Information Collection Request for the ETA 538 and ETA 539, Weekly Initial and Continued Claims; Comment Request for Extension Without Change

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims data collection, which expires September 30, 2012.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before August 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Scott Gibbons, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: gibbons.scott@dol.gov. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting Mr. Gibbons.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 reports are weekly reports which contain information on initial claims and continued weeks claimed. These figures are important economic indicators. The ETA 538 provides information that allows national unemployment claims information to be released to the public five days after the close of the reference

period. The ETA 539 contains more detailed weekly claims information and the state's 13-week insured unemployment rate which is used to determine eligibility for the Extended Benefits program.

II. Review Focus

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Extension Without Changes

Title: Weekly Initial and Continued Claims.

OMB Number: 1205-0028.

Affected Public: State Workforce Agencies.

Form(s): ETA 538, ETA 539.

Frequency: Weekly.

Total Responses: 104 (52 weekly responses for each of the two reports).

Average Time per Response: 30 minutes per submittal for the ETA 538, 50 minutes per submittal for the ETA 539.

Estimated Total Burden Hours

ETA 538 53 States \times 52 reports \times 30 min. = 1378 hours

ETA 539 53 States \times 52 reports \times 50 min. = 2297 hours

Total Burden = 3675 hours

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record. Signed in Washington, DC, on this 5th day of June, 2012.

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Pfizer Therapeutic Research, Formerly Known as Warner Lambert Company, Pfizer Worldwide Research & Development Division, Antibacterials Research Unit, Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department, Antibacterial Chemistry Department, Analytical Chemistry and Material Management Department Groton, CT; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. 2273, the Department of Labor (Department) issued a Revised Determination of Reconsideration of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on December 2, 2011, applicable to workers of Pfizer Therapeutic Research, Pfizer Worldwide Research & Development Division, Antibacterial Research Unit, Groton, Connecticut (Pfizer-ARU).

At the request of the state workforce office, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of Pfizer-ARU.

The Department has determined that other units at the Groton, Connecticut facility operate in conjunction with Pfizer-ARU and have experienced worker separations related to the shift of in the supply of services to a foreign country.

In order to ensure proper worker group coverage, the Department is amending the worker group identified in the certification for TA–W–80,275 to include the Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department, Antibacterial Chemistry Department, and Analytical Chemistry and Material Management Department located in Groton, Connecticut.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–80,275 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Pfizer Therapeutic Research, formerly known as Warner Lambert Company, Pfizer Worldwide Research & Development Division, Antibacterial Research Unit, Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department, Antibacterial