Total Estimated Responses: 36,608.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 8,152 hours.

Status: Regular Review.

Title: Bridge Worker Safety Rules.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0535.

Abstract: Title 49 U.S.C. 20139 requires FRA to issue rules, regulations, orders, and standards for the safety of maintenance-of-way employees on railroad bridges, including standards for ''bridge safety equipment'' such as nets, walkways, handrails, and safety lines, along with requirements for using vessels when work is performed on bridges located over bodies of water. Subpart B of 49 CFR part 214 establishes minimum workplace safety standards for railroad employees as they apply to railroad bridges. Specifically, 49 CFR 214.105(c) establishes standards and practices for safety net systems. Safety nets and net installations must be drop-tested at the job site after initial installation and before being used as a fall-protection system, after major repairs, and at 6-month intervals if left at one site. If a drop-test is not feasible and is not performed, then the railroad or railroad contractor, or a designated certified person, must provide written certification the net complies with the safety standards of 49 CFR 214.105. FRA and State inspectors use the information to enforce Federal regulations. The information maintained at the job site promotes safe bridge worker practices.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a), and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless a collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2016–0002–N–20]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and comment request.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the new Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the information collection and its expected burden. On June 3, 2016, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICR.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 24, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS–21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493–6292); or Ms. Kim Toone, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Administration, Office of Information Technology, RAD–20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone: (202) 493–6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), and 1320.12. On June 3, 2016, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on the ICR for which it is now seeking OMB approval. *See* 81 FR 35814. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c);

5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); *see also* 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summary below describes the ICR and its expected burden. FRA is submitting the new request for clearance by OMB as the PRA requires.

Title: Survey of Plant and Insular Tourist Railroads Subject to FRA Bridge Safety Standards (49 CFR part 237).

OMB Control Number: 2130–New.

Abstract: FRA's *Bridge Safety Standards* (49 CFR part 237) require all owners of railroad track with a gage of 2 feet or more supported by a bridge to comply with the regulations. This includes track owners with bridges located within an industrial installation (plant) that is not part of the general railroad system of transportation (general system), but over which railroad equipment is moved by a general system railroad. To identify track owners subject to the requirements of part 237, *Bridge Safety Standards,* FRA relies on the railroad accident/incident reports that FRA regulations (49 CFR part 225, *Railroad Accidents/Incidents: Reports Classification, and Investigations*) require railroads to file monthly. However, plant railroads and insular tourist railroads are exempt from 49 CFR part 225 reporting requirements.

Under the ICR, FRA would request any railroad serving a plant and moving railroad equipment over bridges within the plant, or the plant itself, to advise FRA by email that there are railroad bridges within the installation potentially subject to FRA Bridge Safety Standards. FRA would also request insular tourist railroads, whose tracks are supported by one or more bridges, to advise FRA by email about these bridges. The email notifications should include the name of the installation or insular tourist railroad, address, including city and State, contact name, telephone number, and email address. This survey will be ongoing with initial approval requested for 3 years.

FRA desires to identify plant and insular tourist railroads that may be subject to part 237 requirements, but are exempt from part 225 reporting requirements, to analyze the risks these entities may pose to railroad bridge safety and to aid in planning bridge safety oversight activities and allocating resources.

Type of Request: Approval of a new information collection.

Affected Public: Freight railroads, industrial installations (plants), insular tourist railroads.

Form(s): N/A.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 210.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 53 hours.

Addressee: Send comments regarding these information collections to the

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: FRA Desk Officer. Comments may also be sent via email to OMB at the following address: *oira_submissions@omb.eop.gov.*

Comments are invited on the following: Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for DOT to properly perform its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DOT's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA 2016–0002–N–21]

Agency Request for Regular Processing of Collection of Information by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this document provides notice that FRA is submitting an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect information on railroads' implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) systems on an annual form entitled the Annual PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.166).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Railroad Safety, Regulatory Analysis Division, RRS–21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6292) or Ms. Kim Toone, Office of Information Technology, RAD–20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493–6132). (These telephone numbers are not toll free.) Comments or questions about any aspect of this ICR should be directed to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: FRA OMB Desk Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

On June 23, 2016, FRA published a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment on the revised Annual PTC Progress Report Form. 81 FR 40938 (June 23, 2016). The PRA and its implementing regulations require Federal agencies to provide 60-days' notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). The comment period closed on August 22, 2016. FRA did not receive any written comments responsive to its June 23, 2016, notice and request for comments. FRA requests regular processing and OMB authorization to collect the information on the new Annual PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.166), as identified below, 30 days after publication of this notice for a period of 3 years.

II. Background on the Annual PTC Reporting Requirement

Under the Positive Train Control Enforcement and Implementation Act of 2015 (PTCEI Act), each railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. 20157(a) must submit an annual progress report to FRA by March 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, until PTC implementation is completed. 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(1). The PTCEI Act specifically requires each railroad to provide certain information in the annual reports regarding its progress toward implementing a PTC system, including ''any other information'' FRA requests. *See id.* In addition, 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2) requires FRA to conduct compliance reviews at least annually to ensure that each railroad is complying with its revised PTC Implementation Plan (PTCIP). The PTCEI Act requires railroads to provide information to FRA that FRA determines is necessary to adequately conduct such compliance reviews. *See* 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2).

On March 16, 2016, OMB approved FRA's Annual PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.166) for a period of 180 days under its emergency processing procedures. However, based on industry's oral and written comments on the Quarterly PTC Progress Report Form (Form FRA F 6180.165, OMB Control No. 2130–0553; OMB Approval Expires June 30, 2017), FRA revised the Annual PTC Progress Report Form to be as consistent with the quarterly report form as possible (where the questions overlap), enabling railroads to transfer information from the quarterly report forms to the annual report forms more easily. In summary, on April 12, 2016, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) submitted comments to FRA on behalf of itself and its member railroads, and the American Public Transit Association (APTA) submitted comments to FRA on behalf of the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad (Metra), the Utah Transit Authority, the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon, and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority.

On April 19, 2016, FRA held a meeting on the proposed Quarterly PTC Progress Report Form to offer the affected regulated entities a forum to provide additional comments and feedback to FRA. Representatives from, and members of, AAR, APTA, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, and several individual railroad representatives attended the meeting and provided feedback. FRA published minutes from the meeting on *www.regulations.gov* under Docket No. FRA–2016–0002. For a detailed summary of the oral and written comments and FRA's responses to the comments, please see 81 FR 28140 (May 9, 2016).

The current Annual PTC Progress Report Form, as approved through September 30, 2016, can be accessed and downloaded in FRA's eLibrary at: *https://www.fra.dot.gov/eLib/details/L17366.* To view the revised Annual PTC Progress Report Form, please see the form attached to FRA's June 23, 2016, **Federal Register** notice. 81 FR 40938, 40940–40953. FRA is submitting the June 23rd version of the annual form, but with minor spacing modifications, to OMB today for review and regular processing.

III. Overview of Information Collection

The associated collection of information is summarized below.

Title: Annual Positive Train Control Progress Report Form.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0553.

Form Number(s): FRA F 6180.166.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Frequency of Submission: One-time; on occasion.