

The Summary Section in the current Quarterly PTC Progress Report, approved through June 30, 2017, asks railroads to report route miles in “Testing or Revenue Service Demonstration.” However, that does not directly indicate whether or not the railroad has satisfied the above criteria because, for example, those route miles might refer to a combination of route miles in field testing and route miles in RSD, and also it does not provide any information about the number of territories where the railroad has initiated RSD and how many territories are required to have operations governed by a PTC system. Similarly, the drop-down menu in Section 4 regarding the overall current status of track segments has a “Testing” option, which provides only an overview of whether that railroad is currently doing either field testing or RSD in the track segment, but does not differentiate between field testing and RSD, as there might be various stages of testing occurring in a particular track segment.

Rather than substantially changing the existing Summary Section and Section 4 of the form, and thus requiring railroads

to deviate from the procedures and formulas they already have in place for quarterly reporting, FRA proposes simply adding one new row to the Summary Section and leaving the rest of the form and fields unchanged.

Specifically, to address the request from Congressional staffers, FRA proposes adding a new row in the Summary Section entitled, “Territories Where Revenue Service Demonstration Has Been Initiated.” The table headings, “Cumulative Quantity Completed to Date” and “Total Quantity Required for PTC Implementation” would remain in place in the Summary Section. FRA proposes adding a footnote after the word “Territories” in the new row to define a territory as “an entire installation/track segment as identified in the railroad’s PTCIP (e.g., a track segment, territory, subdivision, district, etc.),” consistent with 49 U.S.C. 20157(a)(3)(B)(vi), 49 CFR part 236, subpart I, and other footnotes in the quarterly form. FRA estimates the additional burden for this new row would be approximately thirty minutes on average for Class I, Class II, large passenger, and medium passenger

railroads and approximately fifteen minutes on average for Class III, terminal, and small passenger railroads. The burden is low because it is a high-level question that would require a railroad to state only the number of territories where it has initiated RSD and the number of territories required to have operations governed by a PTC system, both of which are readily known by and available to respondent railroads.

**III. Overview of Information Collection**

The associated collection of information is summarized below. FRA will submit this information collection request to OMB for regular clearance as required by the PRA.

*Title:* Quarterly Positive Train Control Progress Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130–0553.

*Form Number(s):* FRA F 6180.165.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Respondent Universe:* 41 Railroad Carriers.

*Reporting Burden:*

Quarterly PTC progress report	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total annual burden hours
Form FRA F 6180.165 .....	41 Railroads .....	164 Reports/Forms .....	21.60	3,543

FRA notes that the 21.60-hour estimate is an average for all railroads. FRA estimated the quarterly reporting burden is approximately 40.5 hours for the 11 Class I and large passenger railroads per quarterly form, approximately 27.5 hours for the 11 Class II and medium passenger railroads per quarterly form, and approximately 7.25 hours for the 19 Class III, terminal, and small passenger railroads per quarterly form.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses for Form FRA F 6180.165:* 164.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden for Form FRA F 6180.165:* 3,543 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses for Entire Information Collection:* 147,776.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden for Entire Information Collection:* 3,126,102.

*Status:* Regular Review.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 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 it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that this

proposed collection of information is mandatory under 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 through 3520, 49 U.S.C. 20157(c)(2).

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket No. FRA–2017–0002–N–10]

**Approved Agency Information Collection Activities**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approvals.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces OMB approved new information collection requests (ICRs) for 49 CFR parts 223, 228, 232, 234, 237, 238, and 270, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). FRA also announces OMB re-approved other ICRs for 49 CFR parts

207, 209, 210, 212, 214, 215, 216, 218, 219, 221, 222, 223, 225, 227, 228, 229, 230, 232, 233, 235, 236, 238, 241, and 242, and related to other regulatory activities. Further, OMB reinstated two ICRs for 49 CFR parts 215 and 234, and approved one ICR under Emergency Processing procedures.

**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 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 ensure information collections display OMB control numbers. In the past 25 months, OMB approved the following new FRA

information collections with the following expiration dates: (1) OMB No. 2130-0597, Training Qualification, and Oversight of Safety-Related Railroad Employees (final rule) (49 CFR part 228)—January 31, 2018; (2) OMB No. 2130-0017, National Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Inventory Reporting Requirements (final rule) (Form FRA F 6180.71) (49 CFR part 234)—March 31, 2018; (3) OMB No. 2130-0008, Securement of Unattended Trains (final rule) (49 CFR part 232)—November 30, 2018; (4) OMB No. 2130-0544, Passenger Train Exterior Side Door Safety (final rule) (49 CFR part 238)—February 28, 2019; (5) OMB No. 2130-025, Certification of Materials: Safety Glazing Standards (final rule) (49 CFR part 223)—April 30, 2019; (6) OMB No. 2130-0599, System Safety Program (final rule) (49 CFR part 270)—October 31, 2019; and (7) OMB No. 2130-0617, Survey of Plant and Insular Tourist Railroads Subject to FRA Bridge Safety Standards (49 CFR part 237) (email survey)—December 31, 2017.

Additionally, in the past 25 months, OMB has re-approved the following information collections with the following new expiration dates: (1) OMB No. 2130-0595, Safety and Health Requirements Related to Camp Cars (49 CFR part 228)—January 31, 2018; (2) OMB No. 2130-0596, Conductor Certification (49 CFR part 242)—April 30, 2018; (3) OMB No. 2130-0556, U.S. Locational Requirements for Dispatching U.S. Rail Operations (49 CFR part 241)—January 31, 2018; (4) OMB No. 2130-0539, Roadway Worker Protection (49 CFR part 214)—January 31, 2018; (5) OMB No. 2130-0506, Cars Moved in Accordance with Order 13528 (49 CFR part 232)—January 31, 2018; (6) OMB No. 2130-0571, Occupational Noise Exposure for Railroad Operating Employees (49 CFR parts 227 and 229)—April 30, 2018; (7) OMB No. 2130-0505, Inspection and Maintenance of Steam Locomotives (49 CFR part 230)—August 31, 2018; (8) OMB No. 2130-0526, Control of Alcohol and Drug Use in Railroad Operations (49 CFR part 219)—August 31, 2018; (9) OMB No. 2130-0606, Railworthiness Directive under 49 CFR 180.509 for Railroad Tank Cars Equipped with Certain McKenzie Valve and Machining LLC Valves—September 30, 2018; (10) OMB No. 2130-0500, Accident/Incident Reporting and Recordkeeping (49 CFR part 225), revision of Form FRA F 6180.54, Rail Equipment Accident/Incident Report (addition of Special Study Blocks)—February 28, 2017; (11) OMB No. 2130-0607, FRA Safety Advisory 2015-01, Mechanical

Inspections and Wheel Impact Load Detector Standards for Trains Transporting Large Amounts of Class 3 Flammable Liquids—December 31, 2018; (12) OMB No. 2130-0608, FRA Safety Advisory 2015-02, Hazardous Materials: Information Requirements Related to Transportation of Trains Carrying Specified Volumes of Flammable Liquids—December 31, 2018; (13) OMB No. 2130-0006, Railroad Signal System Requirements (49 CFR parts 233 and 235)—December 31, 2018; (14) OMB No. 2130-0614, FRA Safety Advisory 2015-04, Ballast Defects and Conditions: Importance of Identification and Repair in Preventing Development of Unsafe Combinations of Track Conditions—March 31, 2019; (15) OMB No. 2130-0004, Locomotive Safety Standards and Event Recorders (49 CFR part 229)—December 31, 2018; (16) OMB No. 2130-0611, FRA Emergency Order No. 31, Notice No. 1, Emergency Order under 49 U.S.C. 20104 Establishing Requirements for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to Control Passenger Train Speeds at Certain Locations Along the Northeast Corridor—December 31, 2018; (17) OMB No. 2130-0509, State Safety Participation Regulations and Remedial Actions (49 CFR parts 209 and 212)—January 31, 2019; (18) OMB No. 2130-0560, Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings (49 CFR part 222)—January 31, 2019; (19) OMB No. 2130-0613, FRA Safety Advisory 2015-03, Operational and Signal Modifications for Compliance with Maximum Authorized Train Speeds and Other Restrictions—February 28, 2019; (20) OMB No. 2130-0565, Safety Appliance Standards Guidance Checklist Forms, approval of new Forms FRA F 6180.161(a)-(j)—May 31, 2019; (21) OMB No. 2130-0529, Disqualification Proceedings (49 CFR part 209)—April 30, 2019; (22) OMB No. 2130-0604, Secretary's Emergency Order Docket No. DOT-OST-2014-0067, Emergency Order Providing for Local Notification of High-Volume Rail Transport of Bakken Crude Oil—March 31, 2019; (23) OMB No. 2130-0586, Bridge Inspection Report Form Public Version (Form FRA F 6180.167)—September 30, 2019; (24) OMB No. 2130-0502, Filing of Dedicated Cars (49 CFR part 215)—October 31, 2019; (25) OMB No. 2130-0504, Special Notice for Repairs (49 CFR part 216)—October 31, 2019; (26) OMB No. 2130-0523, Rear-End Marking Devices (49 CFR part 221)—October 31, 2019; (27) OMB No. 2130-0527, Locomotive Certification (Noise Compliance Regulations) (49 CFR part 210)—October 31, 2019; (28) OMB

No. 2130-0537, Railroad Police Officers (49 CFR part 207)—October 31, 2019; (29) OMB No. 2130-0555, Foreign Railroads Foreign-Based Employees Who Perform Train or Dispatching Service in the United States (49 CFR part 219)—October 31, 2019; (30) OMB No. 2130-0553, Positive Train Control (PTC) Annual Progress Report (Form FRA F 6180.166) (49 CFR part 236)—November 31, 2017; (31) OMB No. 2130-0516, Remotely Controlled Switches (49 CFR part 218)—January 31, 2020; (32) OMB No. 2130-0519, Bad Order and Home Shop Card (49 CFR part 215)—January 31, 2020; (33) OMB No. 2130-0535, Bridge Worker Safety Rules (49 CFR part 214)—January 31, 2020; and (34) OMB No. 2130-0590, Alleged Violation Reporting Form (FRA F 6180.151)—January 31, 2020.

Furthermore, in the past 25 months, OMB reinstated the following information collections with the following new expiration dates: (1) OMB No. 2130-0520, Stenciling Reporting Mark on Freight Cars (49 CFR part 215)—January 31, 2020; and (2) OMB No. 2130-0534, Grade Crossing Signal System (49 CFR part 234)—January 31, 2020.

Finally, under Emergency Processing procedures, OMB approved information collection OMB No. 2130-0616, Railworthiness Directive for Certain Railroad Tank Cars Equipped with Bottom Outlet Valve Assembly and Constructed by American Railcar Industries and ACF Industries, expiring April 30, 2017.

Persons affected by the above-referenced information collections are not required to respond to any collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. These OMB approvals certify FRA has complied with the provisions of the PRA requiring agency action before carrying out information collections.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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