

customer satisfaction achieved; and such other matters that may be relevant to the Commission's review.

Access to filing. The Commission has posted the publicly available portions of the FY 2018 ACR on its website at <http://www.prc.gov>.

Comment deadlines. Comments by interested persons are due on or before January 31, 2019. Reply comments are due on or before February 11, 2019. The Commission, upon completion of its review of the FY 2018 ACR, comments, and other data and information submitted in this proceeding, will issue its ACD.

Public Representative. Mallory L. Smith is designated to serve as the Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. Neither the Public Representative nor any additional persons assigned to assist her shall participate in or advise as to any Commission decision in this proceeding other than in his or her designated capacity.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. ACR2018 to consider matters raised by the United States Postal Service's FY 2018 Annual Compliance Report.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Mallory L. Smith as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) in this proceeding to represent the interests of the general public.

3. Comments on the United States Postal Service's FY 2018 Annual Compliance Report to the Commission are due on or before January 31, 2019.

4. Reply comments are due on or before February 11, 2019.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**. Due to its funding lapse, the **Federal Register** is not being supported and this Order's publication will be delayed. The delay in publication in the **Federal Register** will not affect comment deadlines.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

Summary: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

1. Title and purpose of information collection: Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220-0012.

Under Section 8 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), as amended by the Railroad Unemployment Improvement Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-647), the RRB determines the amount of an employer's contribution, primarily on the basis of the RUIA benefits paid, both unemployment and sickness, to the employees of the railroad employer. These experienced-based contributions take into account the frequency, volume, and duration of the employees' unemployment and sickness benefits. Each employer's contribution rate includes a component for administrative expenses as well as a component to cover costs shared by all employers. The regulations prescribing the manner and

conditions for remitting the contributions and for adjusting overpayments or underpayments of contributions are contained in 20 CFR 345.

RRB Form DC-1, Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, is used by railroad employers to report and remit their quarterly contributions to the RRB. Employers can use either the manual version of the form or its internet equivalent. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is mandatory.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 55580 on November 6, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions under the RUIA.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0012.

Form(s) submitted: DC-1.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Abstract: Railroad employers are required to make contributions to the Railroad Unemployment Insurance fund quarterly or annually equal to a percentage of the creditable compensation paid to each employee. The information furnished on the report accompanying the remittance is used to determine correctness of the amount paid.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes minor non-burdening changes to the manual and electronic versions of the forms in the collection and combined Paperwork Reduction Act link and form instructions link in the *Pay.gov* form version and renamed the link to read "Click for Instructions and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice."

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
DC-1 (RRB.Gov)	720	25	300
DC-1 (Pay.Gov)	1,680	25	700
Total	2,400	1,000

2. Title and Purpose of information collection: Nonresident Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0145.

Under Public Laws 98-21 and 98-76, benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act payable to annuitants living outside the United States may be subject to taxation under United States income tax laws. Whether the social security equivalent and non-social security equivalent portions of Tier I, Tier II, vested dual benefit, or supplemental annuity payments are subject to tax withholding, and whether the same or different rates are applied to each payment, depends on a beneficiary's citizenship and legal residence status, and whether exemption under a tax treaty between the United States and the country in which the beneficiary is a legal resident has been claimed. To effect the required tax withholding, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) needs to know a nonresident's citizenship and legal residence status.

To secure the required information, the RRB utilizes Form RRB-1001, *Nonresident Questionnaire*, as a supplement to an application as part of the initial application process, and as an independent vehicle for obtaining the needed information when an annuitant's residence or tax treaty status changes. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is voluntary.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 55580 on November 6, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Nonresident Questionnaire.
OMB Control Number: 3220-0145.
Forms submitted: RRB-1001.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection of information.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Under the Railroad Retirement Act, the benefits payable to an annuitant living outside the United States may be subject to withholding under Public Laws 98-21 and 98-76. The form obtains the information needed to determine the amount to be withheld.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes to make the following non-burden changes to Form RRB-1001: Renumbered Items A through C and G to Items 1 through 4; renumbered Items 1 through 5 to Items 5 through 9; removed Item D (COUNTRY CODE), removed Item E (CITIZENSHIP CODE), and removed Item F (RAILROAD TAX CODE) as the information collected by them is no longer needed; and removed the General Instructions and the Paperwork Reduction Act and Privacy Act Notices from the back of the form as they are included in the Form TB-26 instructions, which is an enclosure.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
RRB-1001 (Initial Filing)	300	30	250
RRB-1001 (Tax Renewal)	1,000	30	400
Total	1,300	650

3. Title and Purpose of information collection: Statement of Claimant or Other Person; OMB 3220-0183.

To support an application for an annuity under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) or for unemployment benefits under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), pertinent information and proofs must be furnished for the RRB to determine benefit entitlement. Circumstances may require an applicant or other person(s) having knowledge of facts relevant to the applicant's eligibility for an annuity or benefits to provide written statements supplementing or changing statements previously provided by the applicant. Under the railroad retirement program these statements may relate to a change in an annuity beginning date(s), date of marriage(s), birth(s), prior railroad or non-railroad employment, an applicant's request for reconsideration of an unfavorable RRB eligibility

determination for an annuity or various other matters. The statements may also be used by the RRB to secure a variety of information needed to determine eligibility to unemployment and sickness benefits. Procedures related to providing information needed for RRA annuity or RUIA benefit eligibility determinations are prescribed in 20 CFR 217 and 320 respectively.

The RRB utilizes Form G-93, *Statement of Claimant or Other Person*, to obtain from applicants or other persons, the supplemental or corrective information needed to determine applicant eligibility for an RRA annuity or RUIA benefits. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is voluntary.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (83 FR 55580 on November 6, 2018) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Statement of Claimant or Other Person.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0183.
Form(s) submitted: G-93.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, pertinent information and proofs must be submitted by an applicant so that the Railroad Retirement Board can determine his or her entitlement to benefits. The collection obtains information supplementing or changing information previously provided by an applicant.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-93.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G-93	60	15	15

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Brian Foster at (312) 751-4826 or Brian.Foster@rbf.gov.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-1275 or Brian.Foster@rbf.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Brian Foster,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the BZX Equities Fee Schedule

December 26, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 21, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange” or “BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. is proposing a rule change to change the nomenclature associated with the current logical port fees charged for order entry ports to reflect a new match capacity fee that better captures the service offering of these products. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange’s website (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary,

and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange offers two types of logical ports that permit members to enter orders into its trading system—*i.e.*, Financial Information eXchange (“FIX”) and Binary Order Entry (“BOE”). The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the BZX Equities fee schedule to change the nomenclature associated with the current logical port fees charged for these offerings to reflect a new match capacity fee that better captures the service offering of these products. As communicated to members, although the Exchange is changing its nomenclature to better reflect the services provided to market participants, the proposed capacity allocations described in this proposed rule change would continue to operate in the same manner as logical ports currently used to connect to the Exchange. The Exchange believes, however, that properly characterizing these fees as “capacity fees,” and specifying the actual levels of message traffic supported by these products, will increase transparency and clarity around its charges and reduce confusion about the value of the services being provided to market participants that choose to access these services.

Today, the Exchange charges all logical connectivity fees on a “per port” basis. A logical port represents a technical port established by the Exchange within the Exchange’s trading system for the delivery and/or receipt of trading messages—*i.e.*, orders, accepts, cancels, transactions, etc.³ Market participants that wish to connect

directly to the Exchange can request a number of different types of ports, including ports that support order entry, customizable purge functionality, or the receipt of market data. Firms can also choose to connect indirectly through a number of different third party providers, such as another broker-dealer or service bureau that the Exchange permits through specialized access to the Exchange’s trading system and that may provide additional services or operate at a lower mutualized cost by providing access to multiple members.⁴ Each logical port that supports order entry entitles a firm to submit message traffic of up to 5,000 messages per second, an amount equivalent to 117 million messages daily, and is currently charged at a rate of \$550 per month.⁵

An obvious driver for a member’s decision to purchase multiple ports is their desire to send or receive additional levels of message traffic in some manner, either by increasing the member’s total amount of message capacity available, or by segregating order flow for different trading desks and clients to avoid latency sensitive applications from competing for a single thread of resources. For example, a member may purchase one or more ports for its market making business based on the amount of message traffic needed to support that business, and then purchase separate ports for proprietary trading or customer facing businesses so that those businesses have their own distinct connection, allowing the firm to send multiple messages into the Exchange’s trading system in parallel rather than sequentially. Some members that provide direct market access to their customers also purchase separate ports for different clients as a service for latency sensitive customers that desire the lowest possible latency to improve trading performance. Thus, while a smaller firm with a simple business model may be able to transact on the Exchange using one or two FIX or BOE ports that are billed at a modest rate of \$550 per month each,⁶ a larger

⁴ 24% of members that traded equities on BZX in November determined that their business does not require direct order entry access, and instead connect indirectly to the Exchange today through a service bureau or other service provider.

⁵ Logical port fees are limited to logical ports within the primary data center. No logical port fees are assessed for redundant secondary data center ports. See BZX Equities Fee Schedule, Logical Port Fees. New requests are prorated for the first month of service. Cancellation requests are billed in full month increments as firms are required to pay for the service for the remainder of the month, unless the session is terminated within the first month of service. *Id.*

⁶ 18% of members that traded equities on BZX in November purchased only one or two order entry ports.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ The Exchange separately offers physical ports that grant access to the Exchange’s physical connectivity infrastructure.