

days after all necessary regulatory approvals have been received (Effective Date). The instant contracts will remain in effect for 1 calendar year after the Effective Date, unless either party terminates the agreement. The contracts may be terminated, among other instances, upon 30 days written notification by either party. *Id.*, Attachment 1A at 6; Attachment 1B at 6–7.

In support of its notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

- Attachment 1A—a redacted copy of the first instant contract;
- Attachment 1B—a redacted copy of the second instant contract;
- Attachment 2A—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) for the first instant contract;
- Attachment 2B—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) for the second instant contract;
- Attachment 3—a copy of Governors' Decision No. 08–7, which establishes prices and classifications for Global Expedited Package Services Contracts;
- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and supporting documents filed under seal.

The notice sets forth reasons why the instant contracts are functionally equivalent to the GEPS 3 baseline agreement. It states that the instant contracts differ from the GEPS 3 baseline agreement in several ways pertaining to the revisions or clarifications of terms, *e.g.*, revised options for tendering the mail, minimum revenue commitment, customs and export requirements, an exception of Flat Rate items from the definition of qualifying mail, and an additional article concerning Intellectual Property, Co-Branding, and Licensing. *Id.* at 4–6. It asserts that “[b]ecause the agreements incorporate the same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant characteristics of these two GEPS contracts are similar, if not the same, as the relevant characteristics of previously filed contracts.” *Id.* at 4.

The Postal Service concludes that its filing demonstrates that the instant contracts comply with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and are functionally equivalent to the GEPS 3 baseline agreement. Therefore, it requests that the instant contracts be included within the GEPS 3 contract product. *Id.* at 6.

II. Notice of Filings

The notice filed in each of these dockets is identical. In it, the Postal

Service seeks to add two additional GEPS 3 contracts to the GEPS 3 product. The contracts should have been filed in separate dockets. In the future, when it files multiple contracts concerning the same product, the Postal Service must file separate notices (in separate dockets) for each contract. This process ensures transparency and facilitates the Commission review.

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2012–30 for consideration of matters related to the contract attached to the Postal Service's notice as Attachment 1A, and Docket No. CP2012–31 for consideration of matters related to the contract attached to the Postal Service's notice as Attachment 1B.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than May 30, 2012. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>.

The Commission appoints Natalie Rea Ward to serve as Public Representative in Docket Nos. CP2012–30 and CP2012–31.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2012–30 for consideration of matters related to the contract attached to the Postal Service's notice as Attachment 1A.

2. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2012–31 for consideration of matters related to the contract attached to the Postal Service's notice as Attachment 1B.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than May 30, 2012.

4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Natalie Rea Ward is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in Docket No. CP2012–30.

5. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Natalie Rea Ward is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in Docket No. CP2012–31.

6. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.
Shoshana M. Grove,
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 collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (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 RUIA; 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 part 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 quarterly of each respondent and completion is mandatory.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (76 FR 16870 on March 22, 2012) 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: Extension without change 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 no changes to Form DC-1.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

| Form No. | Annual responses | Time (minutes) | Burden (hours) |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| DC-1 (Manual) | 1,235 | 25 | 515 |
| DC-1 (Internet) | 1,365 | 25 | 569 |
| Total | 2,600 | | 1,084 |

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Dana Hickman at (312) 751-4981 or Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV.

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Charles Mierzwa, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Charles Mierzwa,

Chief of Information Resources Management.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 collection is 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 of 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.

Title and purpose of information collection: Application for Survivor Death Benefits; OMB 3220-0031.

Under Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), lump-sum death benefits are payable to surviving widow(er)s, children, and certain other dependents. Lump-sum death benefits are payable after the death of a railroad employee only if there are no qualified survivors of the employee immediately eligible for annuities. With the exception of the residual death benefit, eligibility for survivor benefits depends

on whether the deceased employee was "insured" under the RRA at the time of death. If the deceased employee was not insured, jurisdiction of any survivor benefits payable is transferred to the Social Security Administration and survivor benefits are paid by that agency instead of the RRB. The requirements for applying for benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR parts 217, 219, and 234.

The collection obtains the information required by the RRB to determine entitlement to and amount of the survivor death benefits applied for. To collect the information, the RRB uses Forms AA-11a, *Designation for Change of Beneficiary for Residual Lump-Sum*; AA-21, *Application for Lump-Sum Death Payment and Annuities Unpaid at Death*; AA-21cert, *Application Summary and Certification*; G-131, *Authorization of Payment and Release of All Claims to a Death Benefit or Accrued Annuity Payment*; and G-273a, *Funeral Director's Statement of Burial Charges*. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain benefits. The RRB proposes no changes to any of the forms in the information collection.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

[The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows]

| Form No. | Annual responses | Time (minutes) | Burden (hours) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| AA-11a | 100 | 10 | 17 |
| AA-21cert (with assistance) | 4,500 | 20 | 1,500 |
| AA-21 (without assistance) | 300 | 40 | 200 |
| G-131 | 600 | 5 | 50 |
| G-273a | 5,000 | 10 | 833 |
| Total | 10,500 | | 2,600 |