

licensees, with good cause, to apply for relief from the compliance date (Reference: letter dated June 4, 2009, from R.W. Borchardt, NRC, to M.S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML091410309). The licensee's request for an exemption is, therefore, consistent with the approach set forth by the Commission and discussed in the letter dated June 4, 2009.

#### *SSES Units 1 and 2 Schedule Exemption Request*

The licensee provided detailed information in its submissions dated December 3, 2009, as supplemented by letters dated January 8 and 29, 2010, requesting an exemption. In its submissions, PPL stated that implementation of specific parts of the new requirements will require more time to implement since they involve significant physical modifications requiring: (1) Specific parts that are proving to be long lead time items, (2) specialized industry expertise whose availability is being challenged by the significant demand for a limited resource, or (3) a major interface with the plant for installation that must be carefully planned and implemented to avoid impact to the plant protective strategy. The licensee provided a timeline for achieving full compliance with the new regulation. The licensee's submissions dated December 3, 2009, as supplemented by letters dated January 8 and 29, 2010, contain sensitive security information regarding (1) The site security plan, (2) details of the specific requirements of the regulation for which the site cannot be in compliance by the March 31, 2010, deadline and justification for the same, (3) the required changes to the site's security configuration, and (4) a timeline with critical path activities that will bring the licensee into full compliance by July 31, 2011, for all the regulatory requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, as issued on March 27, 2009 (by October 29, 2010, for one specific requirement, by July 31, 2011, for two other requirements, and by March 31, 2010, for all other requirements). The timeline provides dates indicating when (1) construction will begin on various phases of the project (e.g., new roads, buildings, and fences), (2) outages are scheduled for each unit, and (3) critical equipment will be ordered, installed, tested and become operational.

Notwithstanding the schedule exemptions for these limited requirements, the licensee stated that it will continue to be in compliance with

all other applicable physical security requirements as described in 10 CFR 73.55 and reflected in its current NRC-approved physical security program. By July 31, 2011, SSES, Units 1 and 2 will be in full compliance with all the regulatory requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, as issued on March 27, 2009.

#### **4.0 Conclusion for Part 73 Schedule Exemption Request**

The staff has reviewed the licensee's submittals and concludes that the licensee has provided adequate justification for its request for an extension of the compliance date to July 31, 2011, with regard to three specified requirements of 10 CFR 73.55.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, "Specific exemptions," an exemption from the March 31, 2010, compliance date is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the requested exemption.

The NRC staff has determined that the long-term benefits that will be realized when the modifications described in PPL's letter dated December 3, 2009, as supplemented by letters dated January 8 and 29, 2010, are complete, justifies exceeding the full compliance date in the case of this particular licensee. The security measures PPL needs additional time to implement are new requirements imposed by March 27, 2009, amendments to 10 CFR 73.55, and are in addition to those required by the security orders issued in response to the events of September 11, 2001. Therefore, the NRC concludes that the licensee's actions are in the best interest of protecting the public health and safety through the security changes that will result from granting this exemption.

As per the licensee's request and the NRC's regulatory authority to grant an exemption from the March 31, 2010, implementation deadline for the three items specified in its letter dated December 3, 2009, as supplemented by letter dated January 8 and January 29, 2010, the licensee is required to be in full compliance July 31, 2011 (by October 29, 2010, for one specific requirement, by July 31, 2011, for two other requirements, and by March 31, 2010, for all other requirements.) In achieving compliance, the licensee is reminded that it is responsible for determining the appropriate licensing mechanism (*i.e.*, 10 CFR 50.54(p) or 10 CFR 50.90) for incorporation of all necessary changes to its security plans.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, "Finding of no significant impact," the Commission

has previously determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment 75 FR 13322; dated March 19, 2010.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 22nd day of March 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations will hold its second and third meetings on April 7, 2010 and May 5, 2010 at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations, Federal management organizations, and senior government officials. The Council was established by Executive Order 13522, entitled, "Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services," which was signed by the President on December 9, 2009. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council assists in the implementation of Labor Management Forums throughout the government and makes recommendations to the President on innovative ways to improve delivery of services and products to the public while cutting costs and advancing employee interests. The Council is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget.

Please note that we are providing a slightly shortened notice period for the April 7 meeting as permitted under 41 CFR 102-3.150 in "exceptional circumstances." Action on this notice was delayed due to the press of increased workloads at OPM this week relating to the recent passage of the health care bill. However, the meeting date, time, location and purpose were announced at the February 26, 2010 public meeting of the Council. Also, notice of the meeting has been posted

on the Council website at [LMRcouncil.gov](http://LMRcouncil.gov) since March 8, 2010. Deadlines imposed by the executive order are pending as agencies were required to submit implementation plans no later than March 9, and the Council must act on those plans within 30 days of receipt. OPM believes that a timely meeting is necessary for the Council to meet its requirements under the order and to consider public comments on these agency plans. A further postponement of the meeting would hinder agencies from meeting their responsibilities under the order to implement labor-management forums throughout the Federal Government.

At the April 7 meeting, the Council will review agency implementation plans and make recommendations on their certification. At the May 5 meeting, the Council will work on recommendations to the President concerning 5 U.S.C. 7106 (b)(1) pilot projects. The meetings are open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at the meeting. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

**DATES:** April 7, 2010, at 10 a.m. and May 5, 2010, at 10 a.m.

**Location:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 1416, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Wachter, Acting Deputy Associate Director for Partnership and Labor Relations, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7H28-E, Washington, DC 20415. Phone (202) 606-2930; FAX (202) 606-2613; or e-mail at [PLR@opm.gov](mailto:PLR@opm.gov).

For the National Council.

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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 and Claim for Sickness Insurance Benefits; OMB 3220-0039*

Under section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), sickness benefits are payable to qualified railroad employees who are unable to work because of illness or injury. In addition, sickness benefits are payable to qualified female employees if they are unable to work, or if working would be injurious, because of pregnancy, miscarriage or childbirth.

Under section 1(k) of the RUIA, a statement of sickness with respect to days of sickness of an employee is to be filed with the RRB within a 10-day period from the first day claimed as a day of sickness. The RRB's authority for requesting supplemental medical information is section 12(i) and 12(n) of the RUIA. The procedures for claiming sickness benefits and for the RRB to obtain supplemental medical information needed to determine a claimant's eligibility for such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR part 335.

The forms currently used by the RRB to obtain information needed to determine eligibility for and the amount of sickness benefits due a claimant follows: Form SI-1a, Application for Sickness Benefits; Form SI-1b, Statement of Sickness; Form SI-3, Claim for Sickness Benefits; Form SI-7, Supplemental Doctor's Statement; Form SI-8, Verification of Medical Information; Form ID-7h, Non-Entitlement to Sickness Benefits and Information on Unemployment Benefits; Form ID-11a, Requesting Reason for Late Filing of Sickness Benefit and ID-11b, Notice of Insufficient Medical and Late Filing. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes the addition an equivalent Internet version of Form SI-3, Claim for Sickness Benefits to the information collection. The Internet equivalent Form SI-3 will essentially mirror the manual RRB Form SI-3 currently in use, but will also provide the claimant the ability to change their direct deposit information in addition to the ability to complete and file the claim via the Internet. No other changes are proposed.

### Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form #(s)	Annual responses	Time(min)	Burden (hrs)
SI-1a .....	17,000	10	2,833
SI-1b (Doctor) .....	17,000	8	2,267
SI-3 (manual) .....	118,150	5	9,846
SI-3 (Internet) .....	20,850	5	1,738
SI-7 .....	22,600	8	3,013
SI-8 .....	50	5	4
ID-7H .....	50	5	4
ID-11A .....	800	4	53
ID-11B .....	1,000	4	67
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>197,500</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>19,825</b>

**Additional Information or Comments:** To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information

collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or

send an e-mail request to [Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV). Comments regarding the information collection