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*Clearance Officer.*

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**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB review**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):**

(1) *Collection title:* Railroad Separation Allowance or Severance Pay Report.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* BA-9.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0173.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* March 31, 1996.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 45.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 7,500.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 9,375.

(10) *Collection description:* Section 7301 of the Railroad Unemployment and Retirement Improvement Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-647) provides for a lump-sum payment to an employee or the employee's survivor equal to the Tier II taxes paid by the employee on a separation allowance or severance payment for which the employee did not receive credits toward retirement. The collection obtains the information needed from railroad employers concerning the separation allowances paid after 12/31/88.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-36758; File No. S7-3-96]

**EDGAR Request For Information; Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Securities and Exchange Commission is extending the deadline for comment from January 22, 1996 to February 16, 1996 for responses to Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36683 (January 5, 1996), 61 FR 740 concerning proposed system architectures describing possible revisions to its electronic filing system known as EDGAR.

**DATES:** Responses should be received on or before February 16, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC, and should refer to File No. S7-3-96. All submissions will be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 1024, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Bartell or David Copenhafer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 at (202) 942-8800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 5, 1996, the SEC published a Request for Information inviting comment on proposed system architectures describing possible revisions to its electronic filing system known as EDGAR.<sup>1</sup> Due to several requests for an extension of the deadline, as well as the impact of several disruptive snow storms, the SEC believes it is appropriate to issue the extension. Therefore, the comment period for responding to Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36683 is

extended from January 22, 1996 to February 16, 1996.

Dated: January 23, 1996.

Margaret H. McFarland

*Deputy Secretary.*

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[Release No. 34-36797; File No. SR-CBOE-96-03]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc., Relating to the Exercise of American-Style Options**

January 31, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on January 19, 1996, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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**

The CBOE proposes to issue a regulatory circular to its membership which clarifies the application of the rules and procedures of the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") to the exercise of American-style options.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, CBOE and at the Commission.

**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 self-regulatory organization 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 self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

<sup>1</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36683 (January 5, 1996) 61 FR 740 (January 10, 1996).