

previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

#### The Commission Orders

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by March 6, 1996.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.

By the Commission,  
Margaret P. Crenshaw,  
Secretary.

#### Appendix

February 20, 1996

Filing of Appeal letter

February 23, 1996

Commission Notice and Order of Filing of Appeal

March 15, 1996

Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.111(b)]

March 26, 1996

Petitioner's Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(a) and (b)]

April 15, 1996

Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(c)]

April 30, 1996

Petitioner's Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.115(d)]

May 7, 1996

Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 C.F.R. § 3001.116]

June 19, 1996

Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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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 collection, 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:* Aged Monitoring Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0178.

As outlined in 20 CFR 219.3(b), once a claimant establishes entitlement to an annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB may ask that annuitant to produce evidence needed to decide whether he or she may continue to receive an annuity or whether the annuity should be reduced or stopped.

The RRB utilizes Form G-19c, Aged Monitoring Questionnaire, to monitor select aged annuitants. Use of the form assists RRB efforts to discover unreported deaths and also to determine if an aged annuitant is able to manage their own affairs. One response is requested from each respondent. Completion is voluntary. Minor editorial and reformatting changes to Form G-19c have been proposed.

#### Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form No(s)	Annual re-sponses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
G-19c .....	10,000	6	1,000

#### 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. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,  
Clearance Officer.

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*Title and Purpose of information collection:* Employee Non-Covered Service Pension Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0154.

Section 215(a)(7) of the Social Security Act provides for a reduction in social security benefits based on employment not covered under the Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA). This provision applies a different social security benefit formula to most workers who are first eligible after 1985 to both a pension based on whole or in part on noncovered employment and a social security retirement or disability benefit. There is a guarantee provision that limits the reduction in the social security benefit to one-half of the portion of the pension based on noncovered employment after 1956. Section 8011 of P.L. 100-647 changed the effective date of the onset from the first month of eligibility to the first month of concurrent entitlement to the noncovered service benefit and the RRA benefit.

Section 3(a)(1) of the RRA provides that the Tier I benefit of an employee annuity will be equal to the amount (before any reduction for age or deduction for work) the employee would receive if he or she would have been entitled to a like benefit under the Social Security Act. The reduction for a noncovered service pension also applies to a Tier I portion of employees under the RRA where the annuity or noncovered service pension begins after 1985. Since the amount of a Tier I benefit of a spouse is one-half of the employee's Tier I, the spouse annuity is also affected by the employee's noncovered service pension reduction of his or her Tier I benefit.

The RRB utilizes Form G-209, Employee Noncovered Service Pension Questionnaire, to obtain needed information from railroad retirement employee applicants or annuitants about the receipt of a pension based on employment not covered under the