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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of June 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Themis P. Speis,
Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Survey of Nonparticipating Single Premium Group Annuity Rates

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

ACTION: Notice of submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The American Council of Life Insurance conducts a quarterly survey of insurance company prices for annuity contracts for the PBGC. Responses to the survey are voluntary. The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation has requested that the Office of Management and Budget extend a previously approved collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act for this voluntary collection of information, which is not contained in a regulation.

OMB’s current approval of this collection of information (OMB control number 1212-0030) expires on August 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. The request for approval will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc L. Jordan, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4026 (202-326-4179 for TTY and TDD). (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) establishes policies and procedures for controlling the paperwork burdens imposed by Federal agencies on the public. The Act vests the Office of Management and Budget with regulatory responsibility over these burdens, and OMB has promulgated rules on the clearance of collections of information by Federal agencies.

Each month the PBGC publishes the interest rates to be used under its regulations for plans terminating or undergoing mass withdrawal during the next month. (See 29 CFR Parts 4044 and 4281.) The interest rates are intended to reflect current conditions in the investment and annuity markets.

To determine these interest rates, the PBGC gathers pricing data from the insurance companies through a quarterly “Survey of Nonparticipating Single Premium Group Annuity Rates.” The survey is sent out by the American Council of Life Insurance, which tabulates it to assure that the PBGC receives blind data. Beginning in 1996, the September survey will request that respondents specify the mortality assumptions used in developing the pricing quotes.

The survey is directed at insurance companies that have volunteered to participate, most or all of which are members of the American Council of Life Insurance. The survey will be conducted quarterly and will be sent to approximately 14 insurance companies. Based on experience under the current approval, the PBGC estimates that 10 insurance companies will complete and return the survey each quarter and that each respondent will take 45 minutes to complete it. The annual burden of responding to the survey is therefore estimated to be 30 hours.

On April 9, 1996, the PBGC published in the Federal Register a notice of intention to request OMB approval of this collection. No comments were received in response to the notice.

Issued at Washington, D.C., this 5th day of July, 1996.

Martin Slate,
Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 92-22

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised information collection. RI 92-22, Annuity Supplement Earnings Report, is used annually to obtain the amount of
personal earnings from annuity supplement recipients to determine if there should be a reduction in benefits paid to the annuitant.

Approximately 2,500 RI 92±22 forms are completed annually. Each form requires approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 625 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418±3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received September 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Victor J. Roy, Chief, Eligibility Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 2342, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606±0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green, Deputy Director.

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railroad retirement board

Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988; Notice of RRB Records Used in Computer Matching Programs

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

ACTION: Notice of records used in computer matching programs notification to individuals who are receiving or have received benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act.

SUMMARY: As required by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, the RRB is issuing a public notice of its use and intent to use, in ongoing computer matching programs, certain information obtained from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

The purpose of this notice is to advise individuals applying for or receiving benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act of the use made by the RRB of this information obtained from HCFA by means of a computer match.

DATES: Comments should be received by no later than August 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611±2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise LeSueur±WAechter, Office of Programs, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611±2092, telephone number (312) 751±3337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under certain circumstances, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100±503, requires a Federal agency participating in a computer matching program to publish a notice in the Federal Register regarding the establishment of that matching program. Such a notice must include information in the following first five categories:

Name of Participating Agencies: The Railroad Retirement Board and the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

Purpose of the Match: To identify RRB annuitants who are age 66 or over and who have not had any Medicare utilization during the past calendar year. The general purposes of the match are (1) to verify that these RRB annuitants are still alive and if alive, to determine whether the RRB should appoint a representative payee for them; (2) to identify instances when payments are being made to persons who because they are deceased are no longer entitled to receive them; (3) to recover any payments erroneously made; and (4) to identify instances of fraud, and where established and warranted, to initiate prosecution.

Authority for Conducting the Match: 45 U.S.C. Section 231(f)(b)(7). This section requires that the Secretary of Health and Human Services provide information pertinent to the administration of the Railroad Retirement Act. The death of an annuitant under that Act is a terminating event.

Categories of Records and Individuals Covered: All annuitants under the Railroad Retirement Act who are age 66 or over and who have had no Medicare utilization during the previous calendar year. The RRB records used in this matching program are covered under Privacy Act system of records, RRB±22, Railroad Retirement, Survivor, and Pensioner Benefit System. The HCFA records used in this matching program are covered under Privacy Act system of records HHS/HCFA/BPO 09±70±0526, Common Working File.

Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program: The life of this agreement is 18 months; the match will be conducted no more than three times during this period.

Procedure: HCFA will furnish the RRB with a computer tape of annuitants under the Railroad Retirement Act who, according to HCFA records, are age 66 or older and have had no Medicare utilization during the previous calendar year. After excluding certain categories of individuals for whom no follow-up action will be taken, the RRB will contact the remaining identified individuals to determine whether they are still alive and if so to determine whether the RRB needs to appoint a representative payee to ensure that the benefits to which they are entitled are properly expended on their behalf. If the RRB establishes that an individual so identified in the match is deceased it will terminate the annuity, and if there are any benefits that were improperly paid, it will take action to recover them. In addition, if there is any indication of fraud, the RRB will evaluate whether prosecution should be initiated against the person or persons who acted fraudulently. No action will be taken with respect to the individuals excluded from the monitoring program.

The public information collection represented by the follow-up action for the individuals identified by the matching program was previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB 3220±0178). A request for re-approval is pending.

Other Information: The notice we are giving here is in addition to any individual notice.

A copy of this notice has been or will be furnished to both Houses of Congress and the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: July 5, 1996.

By authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,
Secretary to the Board.

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 securities and exchange commission

Sunshine Act Meeting


STATUS: Open and Closed Meetings.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

DATE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED: May 29, 1996 and June 28, 1996.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Cancellations.

The open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 1996, at 3:00 p.m., and the closed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., have been cancelled.

Commissioner Wallman, as duty officer, determined that Commission