

recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Phyllis G. Foley,

Chair, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

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

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

ACTION: Notice of records used in computer matching programs; notification to individuals who are beneficiaries under the Railroad Retirement Act.

SUMMARY: As required by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, RRB is issuing public notice of its use and intent to use, in ongoing computer matching programs, information obtained from the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the amount of wages reported to SSA and the amount of benefits paid by that agency.

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

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this publication by writing to Ms. Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. LeRoy Blommaert, Privacy, Act Officer, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092, telephone number (312) 751-4548.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, P.L. 100-503,

requires a Federal agency participating in a computer matching program to publish a notice regarding the establishment of a matching program. The required notice was first published at 54 FR 26282 (June 22, 1989). A second notice was published at 57 FR 23115 (June 1, 1992) covering the second cycle; and a third notice was published at 59 FR 64441 (12-14-94) covering the third cycle. New agreements are being negotiated for continuing the matching program beyond the third cycle's initial 18-month and additional 12-month periods; hence, the need for a new notice.

Name of Participating Agencies: Social Security Administration and Railroad Retirement Board.

Purpose of the Match: The RRB will, on a daily basis, obtain from SSA a record of the wages reported to SSA for persons who have applied for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act and a record of the amount of benefits paid by that agency to persons who are receiving or have applied for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act. The wage information is needed to compute the amount of the tier I annuity component provided by sections 3(a), 4(a) and 4(f) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231b(a), 45 U.S.C. § 231c(a) and 45 U.S.C. § 231c(f)). This information is available from no other source.

In addition, the RRB will receive from SSA the amount of certain social security benefits which the RRB pays on behalf of SSA. Section 7(b)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231f(b)(2)) provides that the RRB shall make the payment of certain social security benefits. The RRB also requires this information in order to adjust the amount of any annuity due to the receipt of a social security benefit. Section 10(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231i(a)) permits the RRB to recover any overpayment from the accrual of social security benefits. This information is not available from any other source.

Finally, the RRB will receive from SSA once a year a copy of SSA's Master Benefit Record for earmarked RRB annuitants. Section 7(b)(7) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § (b)(7) requires that SSA provide the requested information. The RRB needs this information to make the necessary cost-of-living computation quickly and accurately for those RRB annuitants who are also SSA beneficiaries.

Authority for Conducting the Match: Section 7(b)(7) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231f(h)(7)) provides that the Social Security

Administration shall supply information necessary to administer the Railroad Retirement Act.

Categories of Records and Individuals

Covered: All applicants for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act and current beneficiaries will have a record of their wages and the amount of their social security benefits requested from the Social Security Administration.

Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program: It is estimated that these matches will commence in May 1997 and will run for the full 18 months of the agreement.

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

A copy of this notice will be furnished to the Office of Management and Budget and the designated committees of both houses of Congress.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

By Authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Extension

Rule 19b-4 and Form 19b-4
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OMB Control No. 3235-0045

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

The information is collected pursuant to Rule 19b-4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), entitled, "Filings with Respect to Proposed Rule Changes by Self-Regulatory Organizations."

Rule 19b-4, as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, requires each self-regulatory organization to file with the Commission copies of any proposed amendment to its constitution, articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules or