Dated at Rockville, MD, this 1st day of November 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Lawrence E. Kokajko,

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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 clarify 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:

Public Service Pension Questionnaire; OMB 3220–0136.

Public Law 95–216 amended the Social Security Act of 1977 by providing, in part, that spouse or survivor benefits may be reduced when the beneficiary is in receipt of a pension based on employment with a Federal, State, or local government unit. Initially, the reduction was equal to the full amount of the government pension. Public Law 98–21, changed the reduction to two-thirds of the amount of the government pension. Sections 4(a)(1) and 4(f)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides that an spouse or survivor annuity should be equal in amount to what the annuitant would receive if entitled to a like benefit from the Social Security Administration. Therefore, the public service pension (PSP) reduction provision applies to RRA annuities.

Regulations pertaining to the collection of evidence relating to public service pensions or worker's compensation paid to spouse or survivor applicants or annuitants are found in 20 CFR 219.64c. The RRB utilizes Form G–208, Public Service Pension Questionnaire, and Form G–212, Public Service Monitoring Questionnaire, to obtain information used to determined whether an annuity reduction is in order. Completion is voluntary. However, failure to complete the forms could result in the nonpayment of benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes to revise Form G–208 to request additional information regarding service time worked under the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS). Additional nonburden impacting, editorial and reformatting changes, which include enhanced instructions intended to make the form easier to complete, are also proposed. The RRB also proposes minor non burden impacting editorial changes to Form G–212. The completion time for the G–208 is estimated at 15 minutes. The completion time for the G–212 is estimated at 3 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 1,700 Form G–208's and 1,000 Form G–212's are completed annually.

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 (212) 751–3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North 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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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17a–2; SEC File No. 270–442; OMB Control No. 3235–0498.

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.

Rule 17a–12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is the reporting rule tailored specifically for OTC derivatives dealers, and Form X–17A–5IIB, the Financial and Operational Combined Uniform Single Report, is the basic document for reporting the financial and operational condition of OTC derivatives dealers.

At this point there is only one registered OTC derivatives dealer, however it is anticipated to affect approximately six (and possibly up to ten) OTC derivatives dealers within the next three years, Rule 17a–12 requires OTC derivatives dealers to file quarterly Financial and Operational Combined Uniform Single Reports (FOCUS)—Form X–17A–5IIB.[1] Rule 17a–12 also requires that OTC derivatives dealers file audited financial statements annually. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to prepare and file the information required by the proposed rule is eighty hours per OTC derivatives dealer[2] with each spending an additional one hundred hours on the annual audit for a total of 180 hours per OTC derivatives dealer annually. Thus the staff estimates that the total number of hours necessary for six OTC derivatives dealers to comply with the requirements of Rule 17a–12 on an annual basis is 1,080 hours.[3]

The staff believes that financial reporting specialists will prepare the FOCUS IIB Report and supporting Schedules, compliance personnel may review the reports to assure compliance with applicable rules, and accountants will prepare the audited annual reports. The staff estimates that the hourly salary of a financial reporting specialist is $72.40 per hour,[4] the hourly salary of a compliance manager is $82.50 per hour,[5] and the hourly salary of a compliance manager is $51.60 per hour.[6] Based upon these numbers, the

[1] Form X–17a–5 [17 CFR 249.617].

[2] Based upon an average of 4 responses per year and an average of 20 hours spent preparing each response.

[3] Or, 1,800 hours annually for 10 OTC derivatives dealers to comply.

[4] Per Securities Industry Association (SIA) Management and Professional Earnings. Table 011 (Financial Reporting Manager) + 35% overhead (based on end-of-year 1998 figures).

[5] SIA Management and Professional Earnings, Table 051 (Compliance Manager + 35% overhead (based on end-of-year 1998 figures).

[6] SIA Management and Professional Earnings, Table 003 (Senior Accountant) + 35% overhead (based on end-of-year 1998 figures).

total cost of compliance for six respondents is $65,950.00 per year.[7]

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: October 31, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 29; SEC File No. 270–169; OMB Control No. 3235–0149.

Rule 83; SEC File No. 270–82; OMB Control No. 3235–0181.

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 collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 29, Filing of Reports to State Commissions, concerns reports to state commissions by registered holding companies and their subsidiaries. The rule requires that a copy of each annual report submitted by any registered holding company or any of its subsidiaries to a state commission covering operations not reported to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than ten days after such submission.

The information collected under Rule 29 permits the Commission to remain current on developments that are reported to state commissions, but that might not be reported to the Commission otherwise. This information is beneficial to the liaison the Commission maintains with state governments and also is useful in the preparation of annual reports to the U.S. Congress under Section 23 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

The title of Rule 83 is Exemption In the Case of Transactions With Foreign Associates. It authorizes exemption from the cost standard of section 13(b) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 for services provided to associated foreign utility companies.

Rule 83 requires a registered holding company system that wishes to avail itself of this exemption from Section 13(b) to submit an application, in the form of a declaration, to the Commission. The Commission will grant the application if, by reason of the lack of any major interest of holders of securities offered in the United States in servicing arrangements affecting such serviced subsidiaries, such an application for exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

Rules 29 and 83 do not create a recordkeeping or retention burden on respondents. These rules do, however, contain reporting and filing requirements. Rule 29 imposes a reporting burden of about .25 hours for each of sixty-two respondents, each of which makes one submission annually. The total annual burden is fifteen and one-half hours. Rule 29 imposes no cost burdens.

Since the Commission has received no applications under Rule 83 recently, it is estimated the burden of Rule 83 as zero.

These estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of SEC rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Directory, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: October 30, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ad–13; SEC File No. 270–263; OMB Control No. 3235–0275.

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'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

• Rule 17Ad–13, Annual Study and Evaluation of Internal Accounting Control

Rule 17Ad–13 requires approximately 200 registered transfer agents to obtain an annual report on the adequacy of internal accounting controls. In addition, transfer agents must maintain copies of any reports prepared pursuant to Rule 17Ad–13 plus any documents prepared to notify the Commission and appropriate regulatory agencies in the event that the transfer agent is required to take any corrective action. These recordkeeping requirements assist the

[7] (19 hours × $72.40 × 4 filings per year) + (1 hour × $82.50 per hour × 4 filings per year) + (100 hours × $51.60 × 1 filing per year) × six (6) OTC derivatives dealers. The total cost for ten (10) respondents would be $109,924.00 per year.