

conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34053 must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Robert T. Opal, 1416 Dodge Street, Room 830, Omaha, NE 68179.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: June 13, 2001.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Activity Under OMB Review; Airline Service Quality Performance

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on September 22, 2000 (65 FR 57426).

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by July 23, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, K-25, Room 4125, Bureau

of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone Number (202) 366-4387, Fax Number (202) 366-3383 or EMAIL [bernard.stankus@bts.gov](mailto:bernard.stankus@bts.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

*Title:* Airline Service Quality Performance.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2138-0041.

*Forms:* Part 234.

*Affected Public:* U.S. air carriers that provide scheduled passenger service and account for at least one percent of U.S. domestic schedule passenger revenues.

#### Consumer Information

Part 234 gives air travelers information concerning their chances of on-time flights and the rate of mishandled baggage by the eleven largest scheduled domestic passenger carriers and Aloha Airlines. This information is made available to the public in the Air Travel Consumer Report and on the web at <http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer>. The Air Travel Consumer Report is also sent to newspapers, magazines, and trade journals. Other on-time data is available on the web at <http://www.bts.gov>.

#### Reducing and Identifying Traffic Delays

The Federal Aviation Administrations uses part 234 data to pinpoint and analyze air traffic delays. Wheels-up and wheels-down times are used in conjunction with departure and arrival times to show the extent of ground delays. Actual elapsed flight time, wheels-down minus wheels-up time, is compared to scheduled elapsed flight time to identify airborne delays. The reporting of aircraft tail number allows the FAA to track an aircraft through the air network, which enables the FAA to study the ripple effects of delays at hub airports. The data can be analyzed for airport design changes, new equipment purchases, the planning of new runways or airports based on current and projected airport delays, and traffic levels.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,728 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention BTS Desk Officer.

#### Comments

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department concerning consumer protection. Comments should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 18, 2001.

**Donald W. Bright,**

*Assistant Director, Office of Airline Information.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0495]

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine whether a surviving spouse is still entitled to dependency and indemnity compensation benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 21, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits

Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail comments to: *irmnkess@vba.va.gov*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0495" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Titles:* Marital Status Questionnaire, VA Form 21-0537.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0495.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-0537 is used to verify the marital status of a surviving spouse receiving dependency and indemnity compensation benefits (DIC). If a surviving spouse remarries, he or she is no longer entitled to DIC.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,875 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On Occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 34,500.

Dated: June 14, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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