FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Van Coverden (202) 268–8130.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

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 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: Representative Payee Parental Custody Monitoring.

Under Section 12(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is authorized to select, make payments to, and to conduct transactions with, a beneficiary's relative or some other person willing to act on behalf of the beneficiary as a representative payee. The RRB is responsible for determining if direct payment of the beneficiary or payment to a representative payee would best serve the beneficary's interest. Inherent in the RRB's authorization to select a representative payee is the responsibility to monitor the payee to assure that the beneficiary's interests are protected. Triennially, the RRB utilizes Form G–99d, Parental Custody Report, to obtain information needed to verify that a parent-for-child representative payee still has custody of the child. One response is required from each respondent. The RRB proposes minor non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form G–99d.

Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form/Nos.	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
G–99d	1,850	5	154

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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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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 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: 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 in whole or in part on non-covered 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 non-covered 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 non-covered 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 non-covered service pension also applies to a Tier I portion of employees under the RRA where the annuity or non-covered 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 non-covered service pension reduction of his or her Tier I benefit.

The RRB utilizes Form G–209, Employee Non-covered 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 Railroad Retirement Act or the Social Security Act. It is used as both a supplement to the employee annuity application, and as an independent questionnaire to be completed when an individual who is already receiving an employee annuity, becomes entitled to a pension. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–209.

Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form Nos.	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
G–209 (partial questionnaire)	100	1	2
G–209 (full questionnaire)	400	8	53
Total	500		55

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3386]

State of Arkansas (And contiguous counties in Mississippi and Tennessee)

Crittenden and Desha Counties and the contiguous counties of Arkansas, Chicot, Cross, Drew, Lee, Lincoln, Mississippi, Phillips, Poinsett and St. Francis Counties in the State of Arkansas; Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto and Tunica Counties in the State of Mississippi; and Shelby and Tipton Counties in the State of Tennessee constitute a disaster area as a result of severe storms and flooding that occurred from November 27 through November 30, 2001. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on February 11, 2002 and for economic injury may be filed until the close of business on September 11, 2002 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.500
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.250
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	6.375
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 338611 for Arkansas; 338711 for Mississippi; and 338811 for Tennessee. The numbers assigned to this disaster for economic injury are 9N8100 for Arkansas; 9N8200 for Mississippi; and 9N8300 for Tennessee.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 11, 2001.

Hector V. Barreto,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

New Markets Venture Capital Companies; Minimum Draw Under SBA's Leverage Commitment

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice provides a minimum dollar amount of $100,000 for draws against SBA leverage commitments to New Markets Venture Capital Companies under the New Markets Venture Capital Program. This Notice will be effective until superceded by another **Federal Register** Notice.

DATES: This notice is effective December 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Austin J. Belton, Director, Office of New Markets Venture Capital, Investment Division, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter C. Gibbs, Deputy Director, Office of New Markets Venture Capital, telephone: (202) 205–7574, or at the e-mail address, peter.gibbs@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SBA's New Markets Venture Capital (NMVC) Program (Program) is authorized by the NMVC Program Act of 2000, 15 U.S.C. 689–689q. Information about the Program is available at http://www.sba/gov/INV. The implementing regulations for this Program were issued on May 23, 2001 (66 FR 28602).

Under these rules, SBA has the authority and discretion to determine a minimum dollar amount for draws against SBA's Leverage commitments. 13 CFR 108.1230(b). Leverage means financial assistance provided to a NMVC Company by SBA through the guaranty of a NMVC Company's Debentures, and any other SBA financial assistance evidenced by a security of the NMVC Company.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 108.1230(b), the amount of a draw that a NMVC Company may take against SBA's leverage commitment must be a multiple of $5,000. Any minimum dollar amount for draws determined in SBA's discretion are published in Notices in the **Federal Register** from time to time. This is the first Notice SBA has issued establishing a minimum dollar amount for draws. Under the authority set forth in this Notice, effective the date of publication of this Notice, and until further notice, the minimum dollar amount of a draw is $100,000. (For example, for each draw, a NMVC Company may request a draw in the amount of $100,000 or $105,000 or $110,000, and so on up to the total amount of Leverage committed to but not yet drawn by that NMVC Company.)

Program Authority: 15 U.S.C. §§ 689–689q.

Dated: December 11, 2001.

Harry Haskins,

Acting Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration National Small Business DevelopmentCenter Advisory Board