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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request for Revision of SF-15**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for revision of an expiring information collection form, Standard Form 15 (SF-15). SF 15, *Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference*, is used by OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials to adjudicate individuals' claims for veterans' preference in accordance with the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944.

According to the General Services Administration, 45,000 forms were used last year. Each form requires approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 7,500 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for OPM to properly perform its functions; whether the information will have practical utility; whether OPM's estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which OPM can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at mbtoomey@opm.gov or fax to (202) 418-3251. Please be sure to include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver written comments to: Ellen Tunstall, Assistant Director for Employment Policy, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E

Street, NW., Room 6500, Washington, DC 20415.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory
Committee; Open Committee Meetings**

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—
Thursday, July 25, 2002
Thursday, August 8, 2002
Thursday, September 12, 2002
Thursday, October 10, 2002

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded 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 this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5538, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-1500.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

Mary M. Rose,

Chairperson, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB
Review**

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposals(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Statement of Authority.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* SI-10.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0034.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 11/30/2002.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 400.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 400.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 40.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under 20

CFR 355.2, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) accepts claims for sickness benefits by other than the sick or injured employees, provided the RRB has the information needed to satisfy itself that the delegation should be made.

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement

Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-25660; File No. 812-12694]

Pruco Life Insurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

July 15, 2002.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”).

ACTION: Notice of Application for an amended order under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) granting exemptions from the provisions of Sections 2(a)(32), 22(c), and 27(i)(2)(A) of the 1940 Act and Rule 22c-1 thereunder.

Summary of Application: Applicants seek an amendment of an Existing Order (described below) to permit the recapture of Credit amounts that differ from the Credit amounts contemplated by the Existing Order under the circumstances specified herein.

Applicants: Pruco Life Insurance Company (“Pruco Life”); Pruco Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account (“Pruco Life Account”); Pruco Life Insurance Company of New Jersey (“Pruco Life of New Jersey,” and collectively with Pruco Life, the “Insurance Companies”); Pruco Life of New Jersey Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account (“Pruco Life of New Jersey Account,” and collectively with Pruco Life Account, the “Accounts”); and Prudential Investment Management Services LLC (“PIMS,” and collectively with the Insurance Companies and the Accounts, “Applicants”).

Filing Date: The application was filed on November 19, 2001, and amended on July 3, 2002.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC’s Secretary and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 9, 2002, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants, in the form of an affidavit

or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested.

Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary of the SEC.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, c/o The Prudential Insurance Company of America, 213 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102-2992, Attn: C. Christopher Sprague, Esq.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joyce M. Pickholz, Senior Counsel, or William J. Kotapish, Assistant Director, at (202) 942-0670, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application is available for a fee from the SEC’s Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0102 [tel. (202) 942-8090].

Applicants’ Representations

1. On September 29, 2000, the Commission issued the Existing Order exempting certain transactions of Applicants from the provisions of Sections 2(a)(32), 22(c), and 27(i)(2)(A) of the 1940 Act and Rule 22c-1 thereunder to permit, under specified circumstances the recapture of certain credits applied to purchase payments made under the Contracts and Future Contracts described in the Existing Order.¹

2. Pursuant to the Existing Order, the Insurance Companies issued Contracts (the “Original Contracts”) that uniformly applied a 4% Credit to purchase payments made, regardless of the purchase payment amount or the contract owner’s age. Under this original version of the Contracts, each Credit is typically subject to its own vesting schedule, under which 10% of the Credit vests on each of the first six Contract Anniversaries following the purchase payment, and the remaining portion of the Credit vests on the seventh Contract Anniversary. Under some versions of the Original Contracts, the Credit may vest sooner. If a withdrawal is made of all or part of a purchase payment, the non-vested portion of the Credit attributable to that purchase payment is recaptured. In addition, the non-vested portion of the Credit is recaptured if: (a) The Contract is canceled under the free look

provision, (b) death occurs within one year of a purchase payment, or (c) annuitization occurs during the vesting period applicable to the Credit.

3. The Insurance Companies now desire to recapture Credit amounts that differ depending upon the purchase payment amount and the contract owner’s age when the purchase payment is made. Under this new version of the Contracts (the “New Contracts”), a 4% Credit will be applied to purchase payments less than \$250,000 and a 5% Credit will be applied to purchase payments of \$250,000 or more if the contract owner is age 80 or younger (for jointly-owned contracts, if the older owner is 80 or younger) when the purchase payment is made. If the contract owner is age 81 or older (for jointly-owned contracts, if the older owner is 81 or older) when the purchase payment is made, a 3% Credit will be applied regardless of the amount of the purchase payment. Under the New Contracts, the Credits will generally vest upon the expiration of the free look period. However, as under the Original Contracts, if a Credit is applied to a purchase payment within one year of death, any Credit attributable to that purchase payment will be recaptured in calculating the death benefit payable under the New Contracts. That is, in calculating the death benefit, the contract value will be adjusted to recapture any credits paid within one year of death.

4. Under the New Contracts, the Insurance Companies will recapture Credits applied to purchase payments under the same circumstances permitted by the Existing Order, except that there will be no recapture of Credits upon a withdrawal or surrender after the free look period has expired, or upon annuitization.

5. The New Contracts are substantially similar in all material respects to the Original Contracts covered by the Existing Order except that under the New Contracts: (a) The Credits are applied as described above, and vest upon the expiration of the free look period (except for Credits applied within one year prior to death), (b) the withdrawal charge as a percentage of purchase payments ranges from 8% prior to the first Contract Anniversary to 0% after 7 Contract Anniversaries, and (c) the asset-based insurance and administrative expense charges are at annual rates of 1.50% for the base death benefit, 1.70% for the guaranteed minimum death benefit with either Step-Up or the Roll-Up, and 1.80% for the guaranteed minimum death benefit with the greater of the Step-Up and the

¹ Investment Company Act Release Nos. 24635 (September 7, 2000) (notice) and 24670 (September 29, 2000) (order).