

educated individuals. Data are obtained via paper questionnaire or Web option from each person earning a research doctorate at the time they receive the degree. Data are collected on their field of specialty, educational background, source of support in graduate school, debt level, post graduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics. The Federal government, universities, researchers, and others use the information extensively.

The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in many reports, but primarily in the annual publication series, "Science and Engineering Doctorates." The National Opinion Research Corporation at the University of Chicago disseminates a free interagency report entitled "Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities: Summary Report." These reports are available in print and electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002. Responses from individuals are voluntary. NSF will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

2. *Expected Respondents:* A total response rate of 92% of the total 40,744 persons who earned a research doctorate was obtained in academic year 2000/2001. This level of response rate has been consistent for several years. The respondents will be individuals and the estimated number of respondents annually is 37,484 (based on 2001 data)

3. *Estimate of Burden:* The Foundation estimates that, on average, 19 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the survey, for a total of 11,714 hours for all respondents (based on the Academic 2000/2001 number). This is reduced by 2,514 hours from the last annual estimate approved by OMB; this reduction is due to a revised, more efficient section on educational history and a declining number of research doctorate recipients since 1998.

Dated: November 26, 2002.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACNW will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on December 17, 2002, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, December 17, 2002—8:30 a.m.—10 a.m.

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Designated Federal Official named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official, Howard J. Larson (telephone: 301/415-6805) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda.

Dated: November 25, 2002.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on December 11-12, 2002, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, December 11, 2002—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will discuss the work performed by NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) pertaining to the use of the RELAP-5 code for calculation of the thermal-hydraulic parameters used in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory FAVOR code, pursuant to the Pressurized Thermal Shock Rule Reevaluation effort.

Thursday, December 12, 2002—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will continue its review of the RES TRAC-M code consolidation and documentation project.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Designated Federal Official named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be

considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, its contractors, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301-415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: November 25, 2002.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director, for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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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 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: RRB Form DC-1, Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220-0012.

Under Section 8 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), as amended by the Railroad Unemployment Improvement Act of

1988 (Pub. L. 100-647), the amount of each employer's contribution is determined by the RRB, primarily on the basis of RUIA benefit payments made to the employees of that employer. These experienced based contributions, take into account the frequency, volume and duration of RUIA benefits, both unemployment and sickness, attributable to a railroad's employees. Each employer's contribution rate includes a component for administrative expenses and a component to cover costs shared by all employers. The regulations prescribing the manner and conditions for remitting the contributions and for adjusting overpayments of underpayments of contributions are contained in 20 CFR 345.

RRB Form DC-1, Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, is currently utilized by the RRB for the reporting and remitting of quarterly contributions by railroad employers. The RRB utilizes a manual version of Form DC-1 and also provides railroad employers with the option of reporting the required information and remitting their quarterly contributions via and Internet equivalent version Form DC-1.

The RRB estimates that 2,200 responses are received annually. One response is requested quarterly of each respondent. Completion is mandatory. The RRB proposes non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form DC-1. The estimated completion for the manual and Internet version of Form DC-1 is estimated at 25 minutes.

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

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 Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Medicare.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-6, AA-7, AA-8, RL-311-F.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0082.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 9/30/2003.
- (5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or Households, Business or other-for-profit.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,040.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 1,040.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 165.
- (10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Board administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The forms in the collection obtain information needed to enroll non-retired employees and survivor applicants in the plan and also obtain information from railroad employers needed to determine if a railroad retirement beneficiary is entitled to a special enrollment period when applying for supplemental medical coverage under Medicare.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration (CII Financial, Inc., 9½% Senior Debentures (Due September 15, 2004)) on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. File No. 1-18324

November 22, 2002.

CII Financial, Inc., a California corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an