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The purpose of this notice is to allow for public comment on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether their information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and

the clarity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

A copy of the information collection may be obtained from the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for the Peace Corps, Mr. David Rostker by e-mail at [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov). Comments on the form should also be addressed to the attention of Mr. Rostker, [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov) and should be received on or before January 30, 2004.

**Information Collection Abstract**

*Title:* The Peace Corps Health Status review form (PC-1789) and the Report

of Medical and Dental Exam forms (PC-1790 S and PC-1790 Dental).

*Need for and use of this information:* The Health Status Review is used to review the medical history of individual applicants; the Report of Medical Exam and the Report of Dental Exam are used by the examining physician and dentist both for applicants and for currently serving Volunteers. The results of these examinations are used to ensure that applicants for Volunteer service will, with reasonable accommodation, be able to serve in the Peace Corps without jeopardizing their health.

*Respondents:* Potential and current Volunteers.

*Respondents's Obligation To Reply:* Voluntary.

*Burden on the Public:*

	PC-1789 Health status review	PC-1790 S report of medical exam	PC-1790 dental report of dental exam
a. Estimated number of respondents .....	9,700 .....	6,000 .....	6,000.
b. Estimated average burden per response .....	45 minutes .....	30 minutes .....	30 minutes.
c. Frequency of response .....	one time .....	one time .....	one time.
d. Annual reporting burden .....	7,275 hours .....	3,000 hours .....	3,000 hours.
e. Estimated annual cost to respondents .....	\$138,298 .....	\$57,030 .....	\$57,030.

This notice is issued in Washington, DC on December 23, 2003.

**Ed Anderson,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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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, January 15, 2004; Thursday, January 29, 2004; Thursday, February 12, 2004; and Thursday, February 26, 2004.

The meetings 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: December 11, 2003.

**Mary M. Rose,**

*Chairperson, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.*

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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:* Application for Survivor Insurance Annuities; OMB 3220-0030.

Under Section 2(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), monthly survivor

annuities are payable to surviving widow(ers), parents, unmarried children, and in certain cases, divorced wives (husbands), mothers (fathers), remarried widow(ers), and grandchildren of deceased railroad employees. The collection obtains the information required by the RRB to determine entitlement to and the amount of the annuity applied for.

The RRB currently utilizes Form(s) AA-17, Application for Widow(ers) Annuity, AA-17b Applications for Determination of Widow(er) Disability, AA-17cert, Application Summary and Certification, AA-18, Application for

Mother's/Father's and Child's Annuity, AA-19, Application for Child's Annuity, AA-19a, Application for Determination of Child Disability, and AA-20, Application for Parent's Annuity to obtain the necessary information. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain benefits. The RRB proposes no changes to any of the forms currently in the information collection.

**Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden**

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form Nos.	Annual re- sponses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
AA-17 (manual, without assistance) .....	150	47	113
AA-17b (with assistance) .....	380	40	253
AA-17b (without assistance) .....	20	50	17
AA-17cert .....	3,265	20	1,088
AA-18 (manual, without assistance) .....	12	47	9
AA-19 (manual, without assistance) .....	9	47	7
AA-19a (with assistance) .....	285	45	214
AA-19a (without assistance) .....	15	65	16
AA-20 (manual, without assistance) .....	1	47	1

*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 (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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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

Extension:  
Rule 17Ad-16, SEC File No. 270-363, OMB Control No. 3235-0413.

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-16—Notice of Assumption or Termination of Transfer Agent Services**

Rule 17Ad-16, 17 CFR 240.17Ad-16, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, requires a registered transfer agent to provide written notice to a qualified registered securities depository when assuming or terminating transfer agent services on behalf of an issuer or when changing its name or address. These recordkeeping requirements address the problem of certificate transfer delays caused by transfer requests that are directed to the wrong transfer agent or the wrong address.

Given that there are approximately 450 submit Rule 17Ad-16 notices, the staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary for each transfer agent to comply with Rule 17Ad-16 is approximately 15 minutes per notice or 3.5 hours per year, totaling 1,575 hours industry-wide. The average cost per hour is approximately \$30 per hour, with the industry-wide cost estimated at approximately \$47,250. However, the information required by Rule 17Ad-16 generally already is maintained by registered transfer agents. The amount of time devoted to compliance with

Rule 17Ad-16 varies according to differences in business activity.

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 estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents; 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. Considerations will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: December 22, 2003.  
**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
Deputy Secretary.  
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