

Government expects to be considered in single audits of federal programs. For 2005, the updates include new or significantly changed programs in Parts 4, those parts of the Supplement that relate to the Part 4 changes and updated appendices. The 2005 Supplement updates amend the 2004 Supplement and should be used in conjunction with the 2004 Supplement to perform audits for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2004.

In summary, the 2005 Supplement updates include the following:

- Updated Table of Contents.
- Updated Parts 1 and 2.
- Six new programs.
- A re-write of 10 programs with significant changes.
- Two deleted programs.
- Updated appendices III, IV and V.
- A listing of minor changes for 28 programs (Appendix V).

A complete list of changes from the 2004 Supplement can be found at Appendix V of the 2005 Supplement. Due to its length, the 2005 Supplement updates are not included in this notice but are available on the OMB Web site at (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133-compliance/05/05toc.html>) or in hard copy from the Government Printing Office (see **ADDRESSES** for information about how to obtain a copy). This notice also offers interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2005 Supplement updates.

**DATES:** The 2005 Supplement will apply to audits performed under OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2004 and amends the 2004 Supplement. All comments on the 2005 Supplement must be in writing and received by October 30, 2005. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the 2005 Supplement updates may be purchased at any Government Printing Office (GPO) bookstore. The main GPO bookstore is located at 710 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20401, (202) 512-0132. A copy may also be obtained under the "Grants Management" heading from the OMB home page on the Internet, which is located at <http://www.omb.gov/>, and then select "Circulars—Audit Requirements—A-133."

Due to potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. We cannot guarantee that

comments mailed will be received before the comment closing date.

Electronic mail comments may be submitted to [Hai\\_M.\\_Tran@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Hai_M._Tran@omb.eop.gov). Please include "A-133 Compliance Supplement Updates-2005" in the subject line and the full body of your comments in the text of the electronic message and as an attachment. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in the text of the message. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile to 202-395-3952.

Comments may be mailed to Gilbert Tran, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, Room 6025, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Recipients should contact their cognizant or oversight agency for audit, or Federal awarding agency, as appropriate under the circumstances. Subrecipients should contact their pass-through entity. Federal agencies should contact Gilbert Tran, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Financial Management, telephone (202) 395-3052.

**Linda M. Combs,**  
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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:* Annual Earnings

Questionnaire for Annuitants in Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment; OMB 3220-0179.

Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), an annuity is not payable for any month in which a beneficiary works for a railroad. In addition, an annuity is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for an employer other than a railroad employer and earns more than a prescribed amount. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, the Tier II portion of the regular annuity and any supplemental annuity must be reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment (LPE) earnings for each month of such service. However, the reduction cannot exceed fifty percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity amount for the month to which such deductions apply. LPE generally refers to an annuitant's last employment with a non-railroad person, company, or institution prior to retirement which was performed whether at the same time of, or after an annuitant stopped railroad employment. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the RRB to determine if possible reductions in annuities because of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment Earnings (LPE) are in order.

The RRB utilizes Form G-19L to obtain LPE earnings information from annuitants. Companion Form G-19L.1, which serves as an instruction sheet and contains the Paperwork Reduction/Privacy Act Notice for the collection accompanies each Form G-19L sent to an annuitant. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to retain a benefit. The RRB proposes a minor non-burden impacting editorial change to Form G-19L for clarification purposes.

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

*Estimated number of responses:* 300.

*Estimated completion time per response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 75.

*Additonal 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 or send an e-mail request to [Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to [Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV). Written

comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Charles 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 Services, Washington, DC 20549.

#### Extension:

Rule 17a-10; SEC File No. 270-154; OMB Control No. 3235-0122.

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") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17a-10 (17 CFR 240.17a-10) requires broker-dealers that are exempted from the filing requirements of paragraph (a) of Rule 17a-5 (17 CFR section 240.17a-5) to file with the Commission an annual statement of income (loss) and balance sheet. It is anticipated that approximately 500 broker-dealers will spend 12 hours per year complying with Rule 17a-10. The total burden is estimated to be approximately 6,000 hours. Each broker-dealer will spend approximately \$880 per response<sup>1</sup> for a total annual expense for all broker-dealers of \$440,000.

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 estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the

<sup>1</sup> According to the Securities Industry Association's guide on management and professional earnings, the median salary for a financial reporting manager is \$97,500. Assuming that a financial reporting manager works 1800 hours per year, he or she earns \$54.17 per hour. Adding in overhead costs of 35%, the hourly rate equals \$73.13 per hour, or \$877.56 per 12-hour response.

collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: July 6, 2005.

**Jill M. Peterson.**

Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-52014; File No. SR-Amex-2005-035]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to a Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto To List and Trade Short Term Option Series

July 12, 2005.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 23, 2005, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in items I and II below, which items have been substantially prepared by the Exchange. Amex filed Amendment No. 1 with the Commission on June 1, 2005.<sup>3</sup> This notice and order requests comment on the proposal from interested persons and approves the amended proposal on an accelerated basis.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to establish a pilot program to list and trade option series that expire one week after being opened for trading ("Short Term Option Series"). The Exchange proposed that the pilot program extend one year from the date of this approval. The text of the proposed rule change, as amended, is

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> Amendment No. 1 revised the settlement times for the proposed Short Term Options Series.

available on Amex's Web site (<http://www.amex.com>), at Amex's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, Amex included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposal and discussed any comments it received on the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in item IV below. Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to establish a pilot program to list and trade Short Term Option Series, which would expire one week after the date on which a series is opened. Under the proposal, the Exchange could select up to five approved option classes<sup>4</sup> on which Short Term Option Series could be opened. A series could be opened on any Friday that is a business day ("Short Term Option Opening Date") and would expire at the close of business on the next Friday that is a business day ("Short Term Option Expiration Date"). If a Friday were not a business day, the series could be opened (or would expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Friday.

The proposal would allow the Exchange to open up to five Short Term Option Series for each Short Term Option Expiration Date. The strike price for each series would be fixed at a price per share, with at least two strike prices above and two strike prices below the approximate value of the underlying security, or the calculated index value in the case of an index class, at about the time that Short Term Option Series was opened for trading on the Exchange. No Short Term Option Series on an option class would be opened in the same week in which a monthly option series on the same class is expiring, because the monthly option series in its last week before expiration is

<sup>4</sup> Short Term Option Series could be opened in any option class that satisfied the applicable listing criteria under Amex rules (*i.e.*, stock options, options on exchange traded funds (as defined under Amex Rule 915, Commentary .06), or options on indexes.)