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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:* Employer Service and Compensation Reports; OMB 3220-0070.

Section 2(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) specifies the maximum normal unemployment and sickness benefits that may be paid in a benefit year. Section 2(c) further provides for extended benefits for certain employees and for beginning a benefit year early for other employees. The conditions for these actions are prescribed in 20 CFR part 302.

All information about creditable railroad service and compensation needed by the RRB to administer Section 2(c) is not always available from annual reports filed by railroad employers with the RRB (OMB 3220-0008). When this occurs, the RRB must obtain supplemental information about service and compensation.

The RRB utilizes Form UI-41, Supplemental Report of Service and Compensation, and Form UI-41a, Supplemental Report of Compensation, to obtain the additional information about service and compensation from railroad employers. Completion of the

forms is mandatory. One response is required of each respondent.

The RRB proposes minor non-burden impacting, editorial, and formatting changes to Form UI-41 and UI-41a. The completion time for Form UI-41 and UI-41a is estimated at 8 minutes per response.

*Additional Information or Comments:* To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justifications, 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 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an E-mail to [Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV). Comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-55436; File No. 4-429]

### Joint Industry Plan; Notice of Summary Effectiveness on a Temporary Basis of Joint Amendment No. 22 to the Plan for the Purpose of Creating and Operating an Intermarket Option Linkage Relating to Response Time for Certain Orders Sent Through the Linkage, and Notice of Filing of Such Amendment

March 8, 2007.

#### I. Introduction

On February 2, 2007, February 15, 2007, February 5, 2007, February 7, 2007, January 30, 2007, and February 13, 2007, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex"), the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE"), the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE"), the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE"), the NYSE Arca, Inc., and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx") (collectively, "Participants"), respectively, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 608 thereunder<sup>2</sup> an amendment ("Joint Amendment No. 22") to the Plan for the

Purpose of Creating and Operating an Intermarket Option Linkage ("Linkage Plan").<sup>3</sup> In Joint Amendment No. 22, the Participants propose to reduce (i) the amount of time a member must wait after sending a Linkage Order<sup>4</sup> to a market before the member can trade through that market and (ii) the timeframe within which a Participant must respond to a Linkage Order after receipt of that Order. This order summarily puts into effect Joint Amendment No. 22 on a temporary basis not to exceed 120 days and solicits comment on Joint Amendment No. 22 from interested persons.<sup>5</sup>

#### II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

First, the purpose of Joint Amendment No. 22 is to reduce the amount of time a member must wait after sending a Linkage Order to a market before the member can trade through that market. The Participants propose to decrease this time period from 20 seconds to 5 seconds.

Second, Joint Amendment No. 22 will also reduce the time frame in which a Participant must respond to a Linkage Order from 15 to 5 seconds after receipt of that Order. Because the Linkage is highly automated and a Participant should receive a response to a Linkage Order within seconds after it is sent, the Participants do not believe it is necessary to wait the current 15 seconds for such a response. In addition, especially in fast-moving markets like the options market, the Participants believe that amending the time period to 5 seconds for the rejection of a P/A

<sup>3</sup> On July 28, 2000, the Commission approved a national market system plan for the purpose of creating and operating an intermarket options market linkage ("Linkage") proposed by Amex, CBOE, and ISE. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43086 (July 28, 2000), 65 FR 48023 (August 4, 2000). Subsequently, Phlx, Pacific Exchange, Inc. (n/k/a NYSE Arca, Inc.), and BSE joined the Linkage Plan. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 43573 (November 16, 2000), 65 FR 70851 (November 28, 2000); 43574 (November 16, 2000), 65 FR 70850 (November 28, 2000); and 49198 (February 5, 2004), 69 FR 7029 (February 12, 2004).

<sup>4</sup> See Section 2(16) of the Linkage Plan. For the purposes of this Joint Amendment No. 22 only, references to "Linkage Orders" herein pertain to "P/A Orders and Principal Orders." For definitions of "P/A Order" and "Principal Order," see note 6 *infra*.

<sup>5</sup> A proposed amendment may be put into effect summarily upon publication of notice of such amendment, on a temporary basis not to exceed 120 days, if the Commission finds that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors or the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect mechanisms of, a national market system or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. See 17 CFR 242.608(b)(4).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 242.608.