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Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available for review approximately two weeks after the relevant due date by appointment in the USTR public reading room, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. Appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 395-6186.

Notice of Public Hearing

A hearing will be held by the GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC on October 20, 2008, for product petitions accepted for the 2008 GSP Annual Review (i.e., for product petitions other than those requesting CNL waivers) beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20508. The hearing will be open to the public and a transcript of the hearing will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing must submit, following the above "Requirements for Submissions", the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address (if available), of the witness(es) representing their organization to Marideth Sandler, Executive Director of the GSP Program by 5 p.m., October 3,

2008. Requests to present oral testimony in connection with the public hearing must be accompanied by a written brief or statement, in English, and also must be received by 5 p.m., October 3, 2008. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five-minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing briefs or statements will be accepted if they conform with the regulations cited above and are submitted, in English, by 5 p.m., November 3, 2008. Parties not wishing to appear at the public hearing may submit pre-hearing briefs or statements, in English, by 5 p.m., October 3, 2008, and post-hearing written briefs or statements, in English, by 5 p.m., November 3, 2008.

With respect to petitions to add or remove articles from the "List of Product Petitions Accepted in the 2008 GSP Annual Review," and in accordance with sections 503(d)(1)(A) of the 1974 Act and the authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the U.S. Trade Representative has requested that the USITC provide its advice on the probable economic effect of such additions or removals on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers. Comments by interested persons on the USITC Report prepared as part of the product review other than those requesting CNL waivers should be submitted by 5 p.m., 10 calendar days after the date of USITC publication of its report.

Marideth Sandler,

Executive Director, Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request an extension of a currently approved collection of information: 3220-0123, Student Beneficiary Monitoring. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the

public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

Student Beneficiary Monitoring; OMB 3220-0123

Under provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), there are two types of benefits whose payment is based upon the status of a child being in full-time elementary or secondary school attendance at age 18-19; a survivor child's annuity benefit under Section 2(d)(2)(iii) and an increase in the employee retirement annuity under the Special Guaranty computation as prescribed in section 3(f)(3).

The survivor student annuity is usually paid by direct deposit at a financial institution to the student's checking or savings account or a joint bank account with the parent. The requirements for eligibility as a student are prescribed in 20 CFR 216.74, and include students in independent study or home schooling.

The RRB requires evidence of full-time school attendance in order to determine that a child is entitled to student benefits. The RRB utilizes the following forms to conduct its student monitoring program. Form G-315, Student Questionnaire, obtains certification of a student's full-time school attendance. It also obtains information on a student's marital status, Social Security benefits, and employment which are needed to determine entitlement or continued entitlement to benefits under the RRA. Completion is required to obtain benefits. Form G-315a, Statement of School Official, is used to obtain verification from a school that a student attends school full-time and provides their expected graduation date. Completion is voluntary. However, failure to do so may result in nonpayment of RRB benefits to the student. Form G-315a.1, School Officials Notice of Cessation of Full-Time Attendance, is used by a school to

notify the RRB that a student has ceased full-time school attendance. Completion is voluntary.

The RRB proposes no changes to the forms. One response is completed by each respondent.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (73 FR 22183 on April 24, 2008) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Student Beneficiary Monitoring.
OMB Control Number: OMB 3220-0123.

Form(s) submitted: G-315, G-315a, G-315a.1.

Type of request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Affected public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Non-profit institutions.

Abstract: Under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), a student benefit is not payable if the student ceases full-time school attendance, marries, works in the railroad industry, has excessive earnings or attains the upper age limit under the RRA. The report obtains information to be used in determining if benefits should cease or be reduced.

Changes Proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the forms in the collection.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Estimated Completion Time for Form(s): Form G-315 is estimated at 15 minutes per response; Form G-315a is estimated at 3 minutes per response and Form G-315a.1 is estimated at 2 minutes per response.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 900.

Total annual responses: 900.

Total annual reporting hours: 217.

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

Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov 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.

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Related to Amendments to Rule 925 (Confirmations) and Rule 921 (Opening of Accounts)

September 5, 2008.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 26, 2008, the American Stock Exchange LLC (the "Amex" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Amex Rule 925 to clarify that written confirmations relating to options transactions are not required to specify the options exchange or exchanges on which such options contracts were executed. The Exchange further proposes to amend Amex Rule 921 to permit a General Securities Sales Supervisor to approve the opening of an options account. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room and <http://www.amex.com>.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

a. Options Confirmation Rule (Rule 925)

Amex Rule 925 requires that every member and member organization promptly furnish to each customer a written confirmation of each options transaction for such customer's account. This confirmation is required to disclose the type of option, the underlying security, the expiration month, the exercise price, the number of option contracts, the premium, commissions, the transaction and settlement dates, whether the transaction was a purchase or a sale (writing) transaction, whether the transaction was an opening or a closing transaction, and whether the transaction was effected on a principal or agency basis. In addition, Rule 925 requires that each confirmation, by appropriate symbols, must distinguish between Exchange option transactions and other transactions in option contracts and between such transactions and transactions in other options. Rule 925 has been interpreted over the years by market participants to require that written confirmations relating to options transactions specify the options exchange or exchanges on which such options contracts were executed. This proposal seeks to clarify that Rule 925 does not require the name of the options exchange or exchanges on which an options contract is executed.

Prior to August 1999, an options class was typically listed on only one options exchange. In August 1999, the options exchanges began to multiply-list options classes that were previously listed on only one exchange. In October 1999, the Commission stated that it believed a linkage among options markets would benefit investors by increasing competition among markets (and market participants) to provide the best execution of customer orders.³ Subsequently, the Commission directed the options exchanges to act jointly in discussing, developing, and submitting for Commission approval an intermarket linkage plan for multiply-traded options. On July 28, 2000, the Commission approved the Plan for the Purpose of Creating and Operating an Intermarket Options Market Linkage (the "Options Linkage Plan" or "Linkage Plan") submitted by the Amex, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. and the International Securities

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Exchange Act Release No. 42029 (Oct. 19, 1999), 64 FR 57674 (Oct. 26, 1999).