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.

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Title and purpose of information collection: Representative Payee Monitoring; OMB 3220–0151.

Under Section 12 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB may pay annuity benefits to a representative payee when an employee, spouse or survivor annuitant is incompetent or a minor. The RRB is responsible for determining if direct payment to an annuitant or a representative payee would best serve the annuitant’s best interest. The accountability requirements authorizing the RRB to conduct periodic monitoring of representative payees, including a written accounting of benefit payments received, are prescribed in 20 CFR 266.7.

The RRB utilizes the following forms to conduct its representative payee monitoring program:

Form G–99a, Representative Payee Monitoring, is used to obtain information needed to determine whether the benefit payments certified to the representative payee have been used for the annuitant’s current maintenance and personal needs and whether the representative payee continues to be concerned with the annuitant’s welfare.

RRB Form G–99c, Representative Payee Evaluation Report, is used to obtain more detailed information from a representative payee who fails to complete and return Form G–99a, or in situations when the returned Form G–99a indicates the possible misuse of funds by the representative payee. Form G–99c contains specific questions concerning the representative payee’s performance and is used by the RRB to determine whether or not the representative payee should continue in that capacity. Completion of the forms in this collection is required to retain benefits.

The RRB proposes no changes to Forms G–99a or G–99c. Approximately 5,400 Form G–99a’s and 420 G–99c’s are completed annually. The completion time for Form G–99a is estimated at 18 minutes per response. The completion time for Form G–99c is estimated at between 24 to 31 minutes per response. Total annual respondent burden hours for the information collection is estimated at 1,802 hours.

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 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.Gov. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Patricia A. Henaghan, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092 or e-mailed to Patricia.Henaghan@RRB.Gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Earnings Information Request; OMB 3220–0184; RRB Form G–19–F.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable, or is reduced for any month(s) in which the beneficiary works for a railroad or earns more than prescribed amounts. The provisions relating to the reduction or non-payment of annuities by reason of work are prescribed in 20 CFR part 230. The RRB utilizes Form G–19–F, Earnings Information Request, to obtain earnings information that either had not been previously reported or erroneously reported by a beneficiary. If a respondent fails to complete the form, the RRB may be unable to pay them benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–19–F. Approximately 900 G–19–F’s are completed annually at an estimated completion time of eight minutes per response. Total annual respondent burden hours for the information collection is estimated at 120 hours.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12233 and #12234]

Montana Disaster #MT–00056

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Montana (FEMA–192–DR), dated 07/10/2010.

Incident: Severe storms and flooding. Incident Period: 06/15/2010 and continuing.

Effective Date: 07/10/2010.
