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B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2015–0158 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC posts all comment submissions at *http://www.regulations.gov* as well as entering the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the information collection summarized below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* ''Nuclear Material Events Database (NMED) for the Collection of Event Report, Response, Analyses, and Follow-up Data on Events Involving the Use of Atomic Energy Act (AEA) Radioactive Byproduct Material.''

2. *OMB approval number:* 3150–0178.

3. *Type of submission:* Extension.

4. *The form number, if applicable:* N/A.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On occasion. Agreement States are requested to provide copies of licensee nuclear material event reports electronically or by hard copy to the NRC within 30 days of receipt from their licensee. In addition, Agreement States are requested to report events that may pose a significant health and safety hazard to the NRC Headquarters Operations Officer within 24 hours of notification by an Agreement State licensee.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Current Agreement States and any State receiving Agreement State status in the future.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 506.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 37.

9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 804 hours.

10. *Abstract:* The NRC's regulations require the NRC's licensees to report incidents and overexposures, leaking or contaminated sealed source(s), release of excessive contamination of radioactive material, lost or stolen radioactive material, equipment failures, abandoned well logging sources and medical events. Agreement State licenses are also required to report these events to their individual Agreement State regulatory authorities under compatible Agreement State regulations. The NRC is requesting that the Agreement States provide information to the NRC on the initial notification, response actions, and follow-up investigations on events involving the use (including suspected theft or terrorist activities) of nuclear materials regulated pursuant to the AEA. The event information should be provided in a uniform electronic format, for assessment and identification of any facilities/site specific or generic safety concerns that could have the potential to impact public health and safety. The identification and review of safety concerns may result in lessons learned, and may also identify generic issues for further study which could result in proposals for changes or revisions to technical or regulatory designs, processes, standards, guidance or requirements.

III. Specific Requests for Comments

The NRC is seeking comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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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 Death Benefits; OMB 3220–0031.

Under section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), lump-sum death benefits are payable to surviving widow(er)s, children, and certain other dependents. Lump-sum death benefits are payable after the death of a railroad employee *only* if there are no qualified survivors of the employee immediately eligible for annuities. With the exception of the residual death benefit, eligibility for survivor benefits depends on whether the deceased employee was ''insured'' under the RRA at the time of death. If the deceased employee was not insured, jurisdiction of any survivor benefits payable is transferred to the Social Security Administration and survivor benefits are paid by that agency instead of the RRB. The requirements for applying for benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 217, 219, and 234.

The collection obtains the information required by the RRB to determine entitlement to and amount of the survivor death benefits applied for. To collect the information, the RRB uses Forms AA–11a, *Designation for Change of Beneficiary for Residual Lump-Sum*;

AA–21, *Application for Lump-Sum Death Payment and Annuities Unpaid at Death*; AA–21cert, *Application Summary and Certification*; G–131, *Authorization of Payment and Release of All Claims to a Death Benefit or Accrued Annuity Payment*; and G–273a, *Funeral Director's Statement of Burial Charges*. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain benefits. The RRB proposes the following changes to the forms in the information collection:

• Form AA–21—Add clarifying language to better define who qualifies for a child's annuity and other minor editorial changes;

• Form G–273a—Add clarifying language to Item 2, regarding the total amount of charges the funeral home should enter; and what the funeral home should list as types of payments received or expected to be received to Item 3.

• Form G–131—For clarity, add an Instructions section and space for the RRB to enter the applicant's name and the waived share amount.

• Form AA–11a—Remove from the information collection due to less than 10 responses a year.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
AA–21cert (with assistance)	3,500	20	1,167
AA–21 (without assistance)	200	40	133
G–131	100	5	8
G–273a	4,000	10	667
Total	7,800		1,975

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, contact Dana Hickman at (312) 751–4981 or *Dana.Hickman@RRB.GOV.* Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Charles Mierzwa, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092 or emailed to *Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV.* Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,

Chief of Information Resources Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–75501; File No. SR–CBOE–2015–050]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change To Expire CBOE Volatility Index Options Every Week

July 21, 2015.

I. Introduction

On June 1, 2015, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (''Exchange'' or ''CBOE'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission''), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] a proposed rule change to expire CBOE Volatility Index (''VIX'') options every week. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 2015.[3] The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change. This order grants approval of the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

In February 2006, CBOE began trading options that expire monthly on the VIX, which measures a 30-day period of implied volatility. Currently, standard VIX options expire once a month. CBOE now proposes to expire 30-day VIX options every week. According to CBOE, VIX options would continue to trade as they do today and they would be subject to all of the same rules that they are subject to today, except as proposed to be modified by the proposed rule change.[4]

CBOE notes that, in its capacity as the Reporting Authority, it enhanced the VIX Index (cash/spot value) to include P.M.-settled S&P 500 Index End-of-Week expirations (''SPXWs'') in 2014.[5] According to CBOE, the inclusion of SPXWs allows the VIX Index to be calculated with SPX option series that most precisely match the 30-day target timeframe for expected volatility that the VIX Index is intended to represent. CBOE further states that using SPX options with more than 23 days and less than 37 days to expiration ensures that the VIX Index will always reflect an interpolation of two points along the S&P 500 Index volatility term structure.[6]

The last trading day for expiring standard VIX options is the business day immediately prior to their expiration date. The expiration date for VIX options is pegged to the standard (third Friday) SPX option expiration in the subsequent month. According to CBOE, the expiration date is on the Wednesday that is 30 days prior to the third Friday of the calendar month immediately following the month in which the VIX option expires.[7] CBOE (as the Reporting Authority for VIX options) calculates the exercise settlement value for expiring VIX options on their expiration date.[8]

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75120 (June 8, 2015), 80 FR 33574 (''Notice'').

[4] *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 33574.

[5] *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 33574–75. CBOE notes that this enhancement did not impact the exercise settlement value for VIX options and futures, which continue to use the same VIX Index formula and the opening prices of standard (*i.e.,* third Friday expiration) S&P 500 Index (''SPX'') option series with 30 days to expiration. *See id.* at 33575, n.5.

[6] *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 33574–75. *See also* the VIX White Paper available at *https://www.cboe.com/micro/vix/vixwhite.pdf* for a detailed description about the VIX Index methodology.

[7] *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 33575. If the Friday in the subsequent month is an Exchange holiday this standard Wednesday VIX option expiration is changed to be the business day that is thirty days prior to the Exchange business day immediately preceding that Friday. *See id.*

[8] *See* CBOE Rule 24.9(a)(5) (setting forth the method of determining the day on which the exercise settlement value will be calculated for VIX options and determining the expiration date and last trading day for VIX options). *See also* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 33575.