

avoidance of property damage. The NRC staff will open a discussion on a process for developing material safety goals during this workshop with the following questions and considerations:

1. What are your perceptions of a safety goal for nuclear materials?
 2. What would be an effective process for developing nuclear materials safety goals?
 3. How can the safety goal development process contribute to improving the regulatory process by helping to identify and articulate the underlying safety philosophy and safety principles currently driving the spectrum of NMSS programs?
 4. What factors should be considered in the development of nuclear materials safety goals?
 5. What aspects of future nuclear material safety goals can or should be analogous to the reactor safety goals?
 6. Should separate safety goals for each activity regulated under each program area be contemplated?
 7. What areas will have the greatest impact as a result of having a safety goal or goals?
 8. How resource intensive will it be to develop a safety goal or goals?
 9. What would change as a result of having safety goals (lives saved, costs savings, increased public confidence)?
- The workshop will be conducted in a "roundtable" format. In order to have a manageable discussion, the number of participants around the table will, of necessity, be limited. NRC, through the facilitator for the meeting, will attempt to ensure broad participation by the broad spectrum of interests at the meeting, including citizen and environmental groups, nuclear industry interests, state, tribal, and local governments, experts from academia, or other agencies. Other members of the public are welcome to attend, and the

public will have the opportunity to comment on each agenda item to be discussed by the roundtable participants.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 9th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Director, Division of Industrial and Medical
 Nuclear Safety, NMSS
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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) publishes 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 Hospital Insurance Benefits; OMB 3220-0082. Under Section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) administers the

Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The RRB currently uses Form AA-6, Employee Application for Medicare; Form AA-7, Spouse/Divorced Spouse Application For Medicare; and Form AA-8, Widow/Widower Application for Medicare; to obtain the information needed to determine whether individuals who have not yet filed for benefits under the RRA are qualified for Medicare payments provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The RRB proposes minor editorial changes to Forms AA-6, AA-7 and AA-8. The RRB estimates that 180 Form AA-6's, 50 Form AA-7's, and 10 Form AA-8's are completed annually. The completion time for each form is estimated at 8 minutes.

The renewal of this information collection will begin the RRB's initiative to consolidate information collections by major functional areas. The purpose of the initiative is to bring related collection instruments together in one collection, better manage the instruments, and prepare for the electronic collection of this information. (A collection instrument can be an individual form, electronic collection, interview, or any other method that collects specific information from the public.)

As part of the OMB renewal process, the RRB also proposes that this collection (OMB 3220-0082), Application for Hospital Insurance Benefits, be renamed Medicare. Upon approval by OMB, the RRB intends to merge the following OMB approved Medicare-related collections into this collection by the expected expiration date(s).

OMB Collection No.	Title	RRB forms	Expected expiration date
3220-0189	Evidence of Coverage Under an Employer Group Health Plan	RL-311-F	9/30/2001
3220-0185	Report of Medicaid State Office on Beneficiary's Buy-In Status	RL-380F	7/31/2002
3220-0086	Application for Reimbursement for Hospital Insurance Services in Canada	AA-104	7/31/2002
3220-0131	Request for Medicare Payment	G-740S	8/31/2002
		HCFA-1500	
3220-0100	Request for Review of Part B Medicare Claim	G-790	11/30/2002.
		G-791	

Revisions to existing collection instruments and, occasionally, a new instrument related to this program function may be required during the three-year cycle of this information collection.

The RRB currently estimates the completion time for Form RL-311-F,

Evidence of Coverage Under an Employer Group Health Plan at 10 minutes, Form RL-380F, Report of Problem to State Welfare Agency on Enrollees Medicare Status at 10 minutes, Form AA-104, Application for Reimbursement for Hospital Insurance Services in Canada at 10 minutes, Form

G-740S, Patient's Request for Medicare Payment at 15 minutes, Form G-790, Request for Review of Part B Medicare Claim at 15 minutes, and Form G-791, Request for Hearing, Part B Medicare Claim at 15 minutes. After the last information collection is merged and other necessary adjustments are made,

the resultant information collection is expected to total approximately 1,500 annual burden hours.

A justification for each action described above (merge collection, revised collection instrument, new collection instrument) will be provided to OMB with a correction Change Worksheet (OMB Form 83-C) at the time the action occurs. With the next renewal of this collection, the RRB will update the information collection package to account for the consolidation and other interim adjustments.

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. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on March 22, 2000, 9:00 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

Portion Open to the Public

- (1) Proposed Legislation.
- (2) Medicare Contract.

Portion Closed to the Public

(A) Guidance of the Executive Committee.

The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: March 13, 2000.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Requests Under Review by Office of Management and Budget

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 15g-3, SEC File No. 270-346, OMB Control No. 3235-0392; Rule 15g-6, SEC File No. 270-349, OMB Control No. 3235-0395.

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rules:

Rule 15g-3 requires that brokers and dealers disclose to customers current quotation prices or similar market information in connection with transactions in penny stocks. It is estimated that approximately 270 respondents incur an average burden of 100 hours annually to comply with the rule.

Rule 15g-6 requires brokers and dealers that sell penny stocks to their customers to provide monthly account statements containing information with regard to the penny stocks held in customer accounts. It is estimated that approximately 270 respondents incur an average burden of 90 hours annually to comply with the rule.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Michael Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Securities Uniformity; Annual Conference on Uniformity of Securities Laws

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Conference; Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Commission and the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. today announced a request for comments on the proposed agenda for their annual conference to be held on April 3, 2000. This meeting seeks to carry out the policies and purposes of Section 19(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, which are to increase cooperation between the Commission and state securities regulatory authorities in order to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of securities regulation.

DATES: The conference will be held on April 3, 2000. We must receive your written comments by March 30, 2000 in order to be considered by conference participants.

ADDRESSES: Please send three copies of written comments to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. Comments also can be sent electronically to the following E-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. Comment letters should refer to File No. S7-08-00; if E-mail is used, please include this file number on the subject line. Anyone can inspect and copy the comment letters at our Public Reference Room, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0102. All electronic comment letters will be posted on the Commission's internet web site (<http://www.sec.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Reynolds, Office of Small Business Review, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0304, (202) 942-2950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The federal government and the states have jointly regulated securities offerings and the securities industry since the adoption of the federal regulatory structure in the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").¹ Issuers trying to raise capital through securities offerings, as well as participants in the secondary trading markets, must comply with the federal securities laws as well as all applicable state laws and regulations. Parties involved in this process have long recognized the need to increase uniformity and cooperation between the federal and state regulatory systems so that capital formation can be made

¹ 15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*