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Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Availability for Work: OMB 3220-0164

Under Section 1(k) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, unemployment benefits are not payable for any day for which the claimant is not available for work.

Under Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) regulation 20 CFR 327.5, "available for work" is defined as being willing and ready for work. This section further provides that a person is "willing" to work if that person is willing to accept and perform for hire such work as is reasonably appropriate to his or her employment circumstances. The section also provides that a claimant is "ready" for work if he or she: (1) is in a position to receive notice of work and is willing to

accept and perform such work, and (2) is prepared to be present with the customary equipment at the location of such work within the time usually allotted.

Under RRB regulation 20 CFR 327.15, a claimant may be requested at any time to show, as evidence of willingness to work, that he or she is making reasonable efforts to obtain work. In order to determine whether a claimant is: (a) available for work, and (b) willing to work, the RRB utilizes Forms UI-38 and UI-38s to obtain information from the claimant and Form ID-8k from his union representative. One response is completed by each respondent. The RRB proposes non-burden impacting editorial changes to Forms UI-38s and ID-8k. No changes are proposed to Form UI-38.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

[The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:]

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
UI-38s:			
In person	250	6	25
By mail	500	10	83
UI-38	3,750	11.5	719
ID-8k	3,100	5	258
Total	7,600	1,085

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 N. 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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RUIA Claims Notification and Verification System: OMB 3220-0171

Section 5(b) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, as amended by the Railroad Unemployment Insurance and Retirement Improvement Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-647), requires that "when a claim for benefits is filed with the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), the RRB shall provide notice of such claim

to the claimant's base year employer or employers and afford such employer or employers an opportunity to submit information relevant to the claim before making an initial determination on the claim." The purpose of the claims notification system is to provide to each unemployment and sickness claimant's base year employer or current employer, notice of each application and claim for benefits under the RUIA and to provide an opportunity for employers to convey information relevant to the proper adjudication of the claim. Railroad employers receive notice of applications and claims by one of two options. The first option, Form Letter ID-4K, is a computer generated form letter notice of all unemployment applications, unemployment claims and sickness claims received from employees of a railroad company on a particular day. Form Letters ID-4K are mailed on a daily basis to officials designated by railroad employers. The second option is an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) version of the Form Letter ID-4K notice. EDI notices of applications are transmitted to participating railroads on a daily basis, generally on the same day that applications are received. Railroad

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

employees can respond to RRB notices of applications and claims manually by mailing a completed ID-4K back to the RRB or electronically via EDI. No changes are being proposed to Form Letter ID-4K.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

RRB messages	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
ID-4K (EDI version)	16,100	1	377
ID-4K (manual)	2,500	2	83
Total	18,600	460

¹ The burden for the 9 participating employers who transmit EDI responses is calculated at 10 minutes each per day, 251 workdays a year or 377 total hours of burden.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Supplemental Information on Accident and Insurance.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* SI-1c, SI-5, ID-3s, ID-3s-1, ID3u, ID-30k, ID-30k-1.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0036.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 4/30/2002.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 28,500.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 28,500.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 1,691.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act provides for the recovery of sickness benefits paid if an employee receives a settlement for the same injury for which benefits were paid. The collection obtains information about the person or company responsible for such payments that is needed to determine the amount of the RRB's entitlement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (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 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.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Railroad Service and Compensation Reports.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* BA-3a, BA-4.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0008.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 3/31/2002.
- (5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 579.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 1,028.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 37,980.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act,

employers are required to report service and compensation for each employee to update Railroad Retirement Board records for payments of benefits.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

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Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Sick Pay and Miscellaneous Payments Report.
 - (2) *Form(s) submitted:* BA-10.
 - (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0175.
 - (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 3/31/2002.
 - (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
 - (6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.
 - (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 239.
 - (8) *Total annual responses:* 239.
 - (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 219.
 - (10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983 added section 1(h)(8) to the Railroad Retirement Act expanding the definition of compensation for purposes of computing the Tier 1 portion of an annuity to include sickness payments and certain payments other than sick pay which are considered compensation within the meaning of section 1(h)(8). The collection obtains the sick pay and other types of payments considered compensation within the meaning of Section 1(h)(8).
- FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the forms and supporting