

Justification
Statement Regarding Contributions and Support of Children
RRB Form G-139

1. Circumstances of information collection -Section 2(d)(4) of the Railroad Retirement Act provides, in part, that a child is deemed dependent if the conditions set forth in Section 202 (d)(3)(4) and (9) of the Social Security Act are met.

Section 202 (d)(4) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Public Law 104-121, requires as a condition of dependency that a child receives one-half of his or her support from the stepparent. This dependency impacts upon the entitlement of a spouse or survivor of an employee whose entitlement is based upon having a stepchild of the employee in care, or on an individual seeking a child's annuity as a stepchild of an employee.

Therefore, depending on the employee for at least one-half support is a condition affecting eligibility for increasing an employee or spouse annuity under the social security overall minimum provisions on the basis of the presence of a dependent child (20 CFR 222.50), the employee's natural child in limited situations (20 CFR 222.51), adopted children (20 CFR 222.53), stepchildren (20 CFR 222.55), grandchildren and step-grandchildren (20 CFR 222.56), and equitably adopted children (20 CFR 222.57).

2. Purposes of collecting/consequences of not collecting the information - Form G-139, Statement Regarding Contributions and Support of Children is used to correctly determine if an applicant is entitled to a child's annuity based on actual dependency. The RRB solicits financial information regarding the child's means of support and a comparison is made between the amount of support received from the railroad employee and the amount received from other sources.

The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-139.

Form G-139 is similar to Form SSA-783 (OMB 0960-0020).

3. Planned use of improved information technology or technical/legal impediments to further burden reduction – None planned at this time due to low volume of forms used.
4. Efforts to identify duplication – This information collection does not duplicate any other information collection.
5. Small business respondents - N.A.
6. Consequences of less frequent collection - Not applicable as the information is

requested only once.

7. Special circumstances - None
8. Public comments/consultations outside the agency - In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), comments were invited from the public regarding the information collection. The notice to the public was published on page 215 of the January 2, 2008, Federal Register. No comments or requests for additional information were received.
9. Payments or gifts to respondents- None
10. Confidentiality - Privacy Act System of Records, RRB-22, Railroad Retirement, Survivor and Pensioner Benefit System.
11. Sensitive questions - N.A.
12. Estimate of respondent burden -The estimated annual burden for the collection is unchanged as follows.

Form #	Annual Responses	Time (Min)	Burden (Hours)
G-139	500	60	500
Total	500		500

13. Estimated annual cost to respondents or record keepers - N.A.
14. Estimate of cost to Federal Government - N.A.
15. Explanation for change in burden - N.A.
16. Time schedule for publication - The results of this collection will not be published.
17. Request not to display OMB expiration date - Form G-139 is seldom revised. Given the costs associated with redrafting, reprinting, and distributing the form in order to keep the appropriate OMB expiration date in place, the RRB requests the authority to not display the OMB expiration date on the form.
18. Exceptions to Certification Statement - None