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USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room, which is located at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; if a dispute settlement panel is convened or in the event of an appeal from such a panel, the U.S. submissions, any non-confidential submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, received from other participants in the dispute; the report of the panel; and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/DS-375, EC Information Technology Products Dispute) may be

made by calling the USTR Reading Room at (202) 395-6186.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**[OMB Control No. 3206-0017; Form RI 78-11]**

### Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments on an Existing Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of an existing information collection. This information collection, "Medicare Part B Certification" (OMB Control No. 3206-0017; Form RI 78-11), collects information from annuitants, their spouses, and survivor annuitants to determine their eligibility under the Retired Federal Employees Health Benefits Program for a Government contribution toward the cost of Part B of Medicare.

Comments are particularly invited on whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 100 RI 78-11 forms are completed annually. Each form requires approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 17 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Margaret A. Miller by telephone at (202) 606-2699, by FAX (202) 418-3251, or by e-mail to [Margaret.Miller@opm.gov](mailto:Margaret.Miller@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days of the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—

Ronald W. Melton, Deputy Assistant Director, Retirement Services Program, Center for Retirement and Insurance Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3305, Washington, DC 20415-3500.

*For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination—*

*Contact:* Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services/Support Group, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 4H28, Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Howard Weizmann,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**[OMB Control No. 3206-0168; Form RI 20-80]**

### Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments on an Existing Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for comments on an existing information collection. This information collection, "Alternative Annuity Election" (OMB Control No. 3206-0168; form RI 20-80), is used for individuals who are eligible to elect whether to receive a reduced annuity and a lump-sum payment equal to their retirement contributions (alternative form of annuity) or an unreduced annuity and no lump sum.

Comments are particularly invited on whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond through the

use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 200 RI 20–80 forms are completed annually. The form takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 67 hours.

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**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days of the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to Ronald W. Melton, Deputy Assistant Director, Retirement Services Program, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3305, Washington, DC 20415–3500.

*For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination Contact:* Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services/Support Group, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW.,—Room 4H28, Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606–0623.

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Data Collection(s) 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 Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collections are 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.

**1. Title and Purpose of Information Collection**

Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act Applications; OMB 3220–0039.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), sickness benefits are payable to qualified railroad employees who are unable to work because of illness or injury. In addition, sickness benefits are payable to qualified female employees if they are unable to work, or if working would be injurious, because of pregnancy, miscarriage or childbirth.

Under Section 1(k) of the RUIA, a statement of sickness with respect to days of sickness of an employee is to be filed with the RRB within a 10-day period from the first day claimed as a day of sickness. The RRB’s authority for requesting supplemental medical information is Section 12(i) and 12(n) of the RUIA. The procedures for claiming sickness benefits and for the RRB to obtain supplemental medical information needed to determine a claimant’s eligibility for such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR Part 335. The forms currently used by the RRB to obtain information needed to determine eligibility for and the amount of sickness benefits due a claimant follows: Form SI–1a, Application for Sickness Benefits; Form SI–1b, Statement of Sickness; Form SI–3, Claim for Sickness Benefits; Form SI–7, Supplemental Doctor’s Statement; Form SI–8, Verification of Medical Information; Form ID–7h, Non-Entitlement to Sickness Benefits and Information on Unemployment Benefits; Form ID–11a, Requesting Reason for Late Filing of Sickness Benefit and ID–11b, Notice of Insufficient Medical and Late Filing. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

Consistent with requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the RRB proposes revisions to Form SI–1b, SI–7, and SI–8 to replace the term “Tax Identification Number” with “National Provider Identifier”. No other changes are proposed.

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

**ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN**

Form #(s)	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
SI–1a .....	22,200	10	3,700
SI–1b (Doctor) .....	22,200	8	2,960
SI–3 .....	145,000	5	12,083
SI–7 .....	22,600	8	3,013
SI–8 .....	50	5	4
ID–7H .....	50	5	4
ID–11A .....	800	4	53
ID–11B .....	1,000	4	67
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>213,900</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>21,884</b>

**2. Title and purpose of information collection**

*Annual Earnings Questionnaire for Annuitants in Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment; OMB 3220–0179*

Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), an annuity is not

payable for any month in which a beneficiary works for a railroad. In addition, an annuity is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for an employer other than a railroad employer and earns more than a prescribed amount. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, the Tier II

portion of the regular annuity and any supplemental annuity must be reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment (LPE) earnings for each month of such service. However, the reduction cannot exceed fifty percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity