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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**  
OFFICE OF PROGRAMS/POLICY & SYSTEMS  
CHICAGO, IL 60611-2092  
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**CURRENT**

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY EXCEPT FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

TOLL-FREE NUMBER: 1-877-772-5772

The Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides for the payment of a supplemental annuity to an employee annuitant who meets certain eligibility requirements. Under section 2(h)(2) of the RRA, the supplemental annuity is reduced by the amount of a private pension an employee receives from a railroad employer that is attributable to the employer's contributions.

A private railroad pension is defined in 20 CFR 216.42 of the Railroad Retirement Board's (RRB) regulations. Two types of plans qualify as private railroad pension plans under this definition: defined benefit plans and money purchase plans.

The RRB is requesting information about any pension plan that **<Railroad Name>** maintains for its current or former employees to determine if benefits from the plan will cause a reduction to the supplemental annuities of covered employees. Our authority for requesting this information is contained in 20 CFR 209.2 of the RRB's regulations.

Please complete Form G-88r, *Request for Information About New or Revised Employer Pension Plan*, for each pension plan and return the completed form, along with a copy of the plan or summary plan description, to:

U.S. Railroad Retirement Board  
P&S – RAC  
844 North Rush Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-2092

You may copy the enclosed Form G-88r, if needed. You may also obtain Form G-88r, instructions for completing the form, and additional information about supplemental annuities and private railroad pensions from our website at <http://www.rrb.gov/AandT/ERI/Part6/chapter6.asp>.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact **<Analyst's Name>** of my staff by phone at (312) 751-**<extension>** or by e-mail at **<Analyst's email address>**.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

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