

United States of America

Railroad Retirement Board

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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 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

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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 in Part VI, Chapter 6, of the *Employer Reporting Instructions*, located on our website at www.rrb.gov.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact the Quality Reporting Service Center by phone at (312)751-4992 or by email at QRSC@RRB.GOV.

 Sincerely,

Enclosure