

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. The request for approval and copies of the proposed collection of information will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc L. Jordan, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval, for a three-year period, of a generic collection of information consisting of customer satisfaction focus groups and surveys (OMB control number 1212-0053; expires April 30, 1999). The collection is in furtherance of the goals described in Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, which states that, in order to carry out the principles of the National Partnership for Reinventing Government (formerly, the National Performance Review), the Federal Government must be customer-driven. The Executive Order directs all executive departments and agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to provide those services in a manner that seeks to meet the customer service standards established in the Executive Order.

This collection of information enables the PBGC to explore issues of mutual concern (e.g., kind and quality of desired services) with its major outside client groups, i.e., participants and beneficiaries, plan sponsors and their affiliates, plan administrators, pension practitioners and others involved in the establishment, operation and termination of plans covered by the PBGC's insurance program. The areas of concern to the PBGC and its client groups change over time, and it is important that the PBGC have the ability to evaluate customer concerns quickly.

Participation in the focus groups and surveys will be voluntary. The PBGC will consult with OMB regarding each specific information collection during the approval period.

This voluntary collection of information will put a slight burden on

a very small percentage of the public. The PBGC expects to conduct focus groups involving a total of approximately 225 persons each year, with a total annual burden of approximately 675 hours, including travel time. (Some portion of this time may be spent completing surveys at focus group meetings.) In addition, the PBGC expects to distribute written surveys to approximately 1,600 persons each year (in most cases as an adjunct to a focus group), with a total annual burden of approximately 200 hours.

On January 15, 1999, the PBGC published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval of this collection. No comments were received in response to the notice.

Issued at Washington, D.C., this 31st day of March, 1999.

Stuart Sirkin,

Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Privacy Act of 1974; Proposed Changes to System of Records

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Notice of a proposed routine use.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to give notice of a proposed routine use to one of the RRB's Privacy Act systems of records.

DATES: The new routine use will be effective 30 calendar days from the date of this publication (May 7, 1999), unless comments are received before this date which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeRoy Blommaert, Privacy Act Officer, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092, (312) 751-4548.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion of Proposed Routine Use

The Railroad Retirement Board currently furnishes the Bureau of Labor Statistics with the city, state, and five digit zip code of each person who receives unemployment benefits from the RRB. The Social Security Number is scrambled so that the information

furnished is not individually identifiable. The Bureau uses this information to aggregate unemployment claims by county in its Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The Bureau has requested that in addition the RRB furnish the physical street address. Furnishing the physical street address would, in cases where the address is a single family residence or where the apartment number is part of the address, identify the household of the person who received unemployment benefits. The Bureau has requested this additional information because they have found that a city and zip code does not always produce a unique county location (a zip code area may straddle two or more counties). A physical street address will always produce a valid county location.

The RRB currently discloses scrambled SSN, city and state address information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(5), namely, "to a recipient who has provided the agency with advance adequate written assurance that the record will be used solely as a statistical research or reporting record and the record is to be transferred in a form that is not individually identifiable." It is the RRB's interpretation that furnishing the physical address requires the publication of a routine use because of the possibility that the record with this additional information would be individually identifiable.

II. Compatibility of Proposed Routine Use

We are proposing this routine use in accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)). The Privacy Act permits the disclosure of information about individuals without their consent for a routine use where the information will be used for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which the information was originally collected. The Office of management and Budget has indicated that a "compatible" use is a use which is necessary and proper. The RRB considers the disclosure of statistical information to the Department of Labor for use in developing unemployment statistics on a local area basis a proper use. To the extent that the disclosure of the physical address is necessary to achieve accurate local area unemployment statistics, the RRB believes the use is necessary as well.

III. Altered system report

On March 29, 1999, the Railroad Retirement Board filed an altered system report for this system with the chairmen of the designated Senate and House committees and with the Office of management and Budget. This was

done to comply with section 3 of the Private Act of 1974 and OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix I.

By authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,
Secretary to the Board.

RRB-21

SYSTEM NAME: Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Insurance Benefit System—RRB.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

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Paragraph "ff" is added to read as follows:

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ff. Scrambled Social Security Number and complete home address information of unemployment claimants may be furnished to the Bureau of Labor Statistics for use in its Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (K2 Design, Inc., Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value, and Redeemable Common Stock Purchase Warrants) File No. 1-11873

March 31, 1999.

K2 Design, Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified securities ("Securities") from listing and registration on the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Securities from listing and registration include the following:

The Securities of the Company have been listed for trading on the BSE and the Nasdaq SmallCap Market since July 26, 1996, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form SB-2 which became effective on said date.

The Company has complied with the rules of the BSE by filing with the Exchange a certified copy of the resolutions adopted by the Company's Board of Directors authorizing the withdrawal of its Securities from listing

on the BSE and by setting forth in detail to the Exchange the reasons for the proposed withdrawal and the facts in support thereof. In making the decision to withdraw its Securities from listing on the BSE, the Company considered the direct and indirect costs of maintaining dual listings of its Securities on the BSE and the Nasdaq SmallCap Market. The Company does not see any particular advantage in the dual trading of its Securities and believes that the dual listing, if continued, would fragment the market for its Securities.

The BSE has informed the Company that it has no objection to the Company's application to withdraw its Securities from listing on the Exchange.

The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal from listing of its Securities from the BSE and shall have no effect upon the continued listing of the Securities on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market. By reason of Section 12(g) of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, the Company shall continue to be obligated to file reports under Section 13 of the Act with the Commission.

Any interested person may, on or before April 21, 1999, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Exchange and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Securities Uniformity; Annual Conference on Uniformity of Securities Laws

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of conference; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commission and the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc. today announced a request for comments on the proposed agenda for their annual conference to be held on April 19, 1999. This meeting seeks to carry out the policies and purposes of section 19(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, which are to increase cooperation between the Commission and state securities regulatory authorities in order to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of securities regulation.

DATES: The conference will be held on April 19, 1999. We must receive your written comments by April 14, 1999 in order to be considered by conference participants.

ADDRESSES: Please send three copies of written comments to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609.

Comments also can be sent electronically to the following E-mail address: rule-comments@sec.gov. Comment letters should refer to File No. S7-12-99; if E-mail is used, please include this file number on the subject line. Anyone can inspect and copy the comment letters at our Public Reference Room, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. All electronic comment letters will be posted on the Commission's internet web site (<http://www.sec.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Reynolds, Office of Small Business Review, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549, Stop 3-4, (202) 942-2950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The federal government and the states have jointly regulated securities offerings since the adoption of the federal regulatory structure in the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").¹ Issuers trying to raise capital through securities offerings, as well as participants in the secondary trading markets, must comply with the federal securities laws as well as all applicable state laws and regulations. Parties involved in this process have long recognized the need to increase uniformity and cooperation between the federal and state regulatory systems so that capital formation can be made

¹ 15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.