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22. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2025–378 and K2025–376; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 703 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: November 12, 2024; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Gregory Stanton; *Comments Due*: November 20, 2024.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See section II for public proceedings.

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Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

1. *Title and purpose of information collection:* Claimant Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement Act or and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220–0007.

Under section 7(b) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231f), and section 5(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) (45 U.S.C. 355) any person aggrieved by a decision made by an office of the RRB on his or her application for an annuity or benefit under those Acts has the right to appeal to the RRB. This right is prescribed in 20 CFR part 260 and 20 CFR part 320. The notification letter, which is provided at the time of filing the original application, informs the applicant of such right. When an

applicant protests a decision, the concerned RRB office reviews the entire file and any additional evidence submitted and sends the applicant a letter explaining the basis of the determination. The applicant is then notified that to protest further, they can appeal to the RRB’s Bureau of Hearings and Appeals. The appeal process is prescribed in 20 CFR 260.5 and 260.9 and 20 CFR 320.12 and 320.38.

To file a request for an appeal the applicant must complete Form HA–1, *Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement Act or Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act*. The form asks the applicant to explain the basis for their request for an appeal and, if necessary, to describe any additional evidence they wish to submit in support of the appeal. Completion is voluntary, however, if the information is not provided the RRB cannot process the appeal.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 FR 75000 on September 13, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Claimant Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement Act or Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

OMB Control Number: 3220–0007.

Form(s) submitted: HA–1.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Under section 7(b)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 5(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, a person aggrieved by a decision on his or her application for an annuity or other benefit has the right to appeal to the RRB. The collection provides the means for the appeal action.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes a minor change to Form HA–1 to reference page 2 of the form.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
HA–1	300	20	100

2. *Title and purpose of information collection:* Evidence for Application of Overall Minimum, OMB 3220–0083.

Under section 3(f)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231b), the total monthly benefits payable to a railroad employee and his/her family

are guaranteed to be no less than the amount which would be payable if the employee’s railroad service had been covered by the Social Security Act. This is referred to as the Social Security Overall Minimum Guarantee, which is prescribed in 20 CFR part 229. To

administer this provision, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) requires information about a retired employee’s spouse and child(ren) who would not be eligible for benefits under the RRA but would be eligible for benefits under the Social Security Act if the employee’s

railroad service had been covered by that Act. The RRB obtains the required information by the use of Forms G-319, Statement Regarding Family and Earnings for Special Guaranty Computation, and G-320, Student Questionnaire for Special Guaranty Computation. One response is required of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 FR 75000 on September 13, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Evidence for Application of Overall Minimum.
OMB Control Number: 3220-0083.
Forms submitted: G-319 and G-320.
Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Affected public: Individuals or Households.
Abstract: Under section 3(f)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act, the total monthly benefits payable to a railroad employee and his/her family are guaranteed to be no less than the amount which would be payable if the employee's railroad service had been covered by the Social Security Act.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes minor changes to Form G-319:

- In Section 1, updated the year in example date format.
- In Section 2, changed first sentence to "Check the information entered by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) for accuracy."
- In Receipt For Your Statement section (page 11), updated the office hours.

The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-320.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G-319 (completed by the employee)			
With assistance	5	26	2
Without assistance	230	55	211
G-319 (completed by spouse)			
With assistance	5	30	2
Without assistance	10	60	10
G-320 (Age 18 at Special Guaranty Begin Date or Special Guaranty Age 18 Attainments)	30	15	7
G-320 (Student Monitoring done in Sept, March and at end of school year)	10	15	2
Total	290	234

3. Title and purpose of information collection: Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant's Work and Earnings; OMB 3220-0107.

Under section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231a), a railroad employee's retirement annuity or an annuity paid to the spouse of a railroad employee is subject to work deductions in the Tier II component of the annuity and any employee supplemental annuity for any month in which the annuitant works for a Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employer (LPE). The LPE is defined as the last person, company, or institution, other than a railroad employer, that employed an employee or spouse annuitant. In addition, the employee, spouse, or divorced spouse Tier I annuity benefit is subject to work deductions under section 2(f)(1) of the RRA for earnings from any non-railroad employer that are over the annual exempt amount. The

regulations pertaining to non-payment of annuities by reason of work and LPE are contained in 20 CFR 230.1 and 230.2.

The RRB utilizes Form RL-231-F, Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant's Work and Earnings, to obtain the information needed to determine if a work deduction should be applied because an annuitant worked in non-railroad employment after the annuity beginning date. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is voluntary.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 FR 75000 on September 13, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Request to Non-Railroad Employer for Information About Annuitant's Work and Earnings.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0107.

Form(s) submitted: RL-231-F.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions.

Abstract: Under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), benefits are not payable if an annuitant works for an employer covered under the RRA or last non-railroad employer. The collection obtains information regarding an annuitant's work and earnings from a non-railroad employer. The information is used to determine whether benefits should be withheld.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form RL-231-F.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
RL-231-F	300	30	150

4. Title and Purpose of information collection: Student Beneficiary Monitoring; OMB 3220-0123.

Under provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), there are two

types of benefit payments that are based on the status of a child being in full-time elementary or secondary school attendance at age 18-19: (1) A survivor child's annuity benefit under section

2(d)(1)(iii) (45 U.S.C. 231a) and (2) an increase in the employee retirement annuity under the Special Guaranty computation as prescribed in section 3(f)(2) (45 U.S.C. 231b) and 20 CFR 229.

The survivor student annuity is usually paid by direct deposit to a financial institution either into the student's checking or savings account or into a joint bank account with a parent. The requirements for eligibility as a student are prescribed in 20 CFR 216.74 and include students in independent study and home schooling.

To help determine if a child is entitled to student benefits, the RRB requires evidence of full-time school attendance. This evidence is acquired through the RRB's student monitoring program, which utilizes the following forms. Form G-315, Student Questionnaire, obtains certification of a student's full-time school attendance as well as information on the student's marital status, social security benefits, and employment, which are needed to

determine entitlement or continued entitlement to benefits under the RRA. Form G-315A, Statement of School Official, is used to obtain, from a school, verification of a student's full-time attendance when the student fails to return a monitoring Form G-315. Form G-315A.1, School Official's Notice of Cessation of Full-Time School Attendance, is used by a school to notify the RRB that a student has ceased full-time school attendance.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 FR 75001 on September 13, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Student Beneficiary Monitoring.
OMB Control Number: 3220-0123.

Form(s) submitted: G-315, G-315a, G-315a.1.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), a student benefit is not payable if the student ceases full-time school attendance, marries, works in the railroad industry, has excessive earnings or attains the upper age limit under the RRA. The report obtains information to be used to determine if benefits should cease or be reduced.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Forms G-315, G-315A, or G-315A.1.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G-315	860	15	215
G-315a	20	3	1
G-315a.1	20	2	1
Total	900	217

5. Title and Purpose of information collection: Gross Earnings Report; OMB 3220-0132.

In order to carry out the financial interchange provisions of section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231f), the RRB obtains annually from railroad employer's the gross earnings for their employees on a one-percent basis, *i.e.*, 1% of each employer's railroad employees. The gross earnings sample is based on the earnings of employees whose social security numbers end with the digits "30." The gross earnings are used to compute payroll taxes under the financial interchange.

The gross earnings information is essential in determining the tax amounts involved in the financial interchange with the Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Besides being necessary for current financial interchange calculations, the gross earnings file tabulations are also an integral part of the data needed to estimate future tax income and corresponding financial interchange amounts. These estimates are made for

internal use and to satisfy requests from other government agencies and interested groups. In addition, cash flow projections of the social security equivalent benefit account, railroad retirement account and cost estimates made for proposed amendments to laws administered by the RRB are dependent on input developed from the information collection.

The RRB utilizes Form BA-11 to obtain gross earnings information from railroad employers. Employers have the option of preparing and submitting BA-11 reports online via the RRB's Employer Reporting System or on paper (or in like format) on magnetic tape cartridges, by File Transfer Protocol (FTP), or secure Email. The online BA-11 includes the option to file a "negative report" (no employees, or no employees with the digits "30"). Completion is mandatory. One response is requested of each respondent.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 FR 75001 on September 13, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Gross Earnings Report.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0132.

Form(s) submitted: BA-11, BA-11 (internet).

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits.

Abstract: Section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act requires a financial interchange between the OASDHI trust funds and the railroad retirement account. The collection obtains gross earnings of railway employees on a 1% basis. The information is used to determine the amount which would place the OASDHI trust funds in the position they would have been if railroad service had been covered by the Social Security and FIC Acts.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form BA-11.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
BA-11 CD-ROM	0	30	0
BA-11 File Transfer Protocol	20	300	100
BA-11 Secure Email	1	30	1

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
BA-11 (Internet)—Positive	150	30	75
BA-11 (Internet)—Negative	318	15	80
Total	489	256

6. Title and Purpose of information collection: Railroad Separation Allowance or Severance Pay Report; OMB 3220-0173.

Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 231e) provides for a lump-sum payment to an employee or the employee's survivors equal to the Tier II taxes paid by the employee on a separation allowance or severance payment for which the employee did not receive credits toward retirement. The lump-sum is not payable until retirement benefits begin to accrue or the employee dies. Also, section 4 (a-1) (iii) (45 U.S.C. 231c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act provides that a railroad employee who is paid a separation allowance is disqualified for unemployment and sickness benefits for the period of time the employee would have to work to earn the amount of the allowance. The reporting requirements are specified in 20 CFR 209.14.

In order to calculate and provide payments, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) must collect and maintain

records of separation allowances and severance payments which were subject to Tier II taxation from railroad employers. The RRB uses Form BA-9, Report of Separation Allowance or Severance Pay, to obtain information from railroad employers concerning the separation allowances and severance payments made to railroad employees and/or the survivors of railroad employees. Employers currently have the option of submitting their reports on paper Form BA-9, (or in like format) on a CD-ROM, or by File Transfer Protocol (FTP), or Secure Email. Completion is mandatory. One response is requested of each respondent. The

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 FR 75002 on September 13, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Railroad Separation Allowance or Severance Pay Report.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0173.
Form(s) submitted: BA-9.

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Private Sector; Businesses or other for profits.

Abstract: Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act provides for a lump-sum payment to an employee or the employee's survivor equal to the Tier II taxes paid by the employee on a separation allowance or severance payment for which the employee did not receive credits toward retirement. The collection obtains information concerning the separation allowances and severance payments paid from railroad employers.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to the manual, CD-ROM, secure email, or FTP Version of Form BA-9. The RRB proposes no changes from BA-9 (internet).

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
BA-9 (Paper)	100	76	127
BA-9 (internet)	215	15	54
BA-9 (CD-ROM)	10	76	13
BA-9 (Secure Email)	25	76	32
BA-9 (FTP)	10	76	13
Total	360	239

7. 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) (45 U.S.C. 231a), 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 50 percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity amount for the month to which such deductions apply. The LPE generally refers to an annuitant's last employment with a non-railroad person, company, or institution prior to retirement, which was performed at the same time as railroad employment or after the annuitant stopped railroad employment. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the RRB to determine if possible reductions in annuities are in order due to LPE.

The RRB utilizes Form G-19L, *Annual Earnings Questionnaire*, to obtain LPE earnings information from annuitants. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to retain a benefit.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (89 FR 75002 on September 13, 2024) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Railroad Separation Allowance or Severance Pay Report.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0179.
Form(s) submitted: G-19L.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or Households.

Abstract: Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for a railroad or earns more than the

prescribed amounts. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to

determine possible reductions in annuities because of earnings. *Changes proposed:* The RRB proposes minor changes to update the office hours on Form G–19L.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G–19L	300	15	75

Additional Information or Comments: Copies of the forms and supporting documents or comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Brian Foster, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–1275 or emailed to Brian.Foster@rrb.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Brian Foster,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Credit LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the ICC Operational Risk Management Framework

November 13, 2024.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2024, ICE Clear Credit LLC (“ICC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change, as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been primarily prepared by ICC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The principal purpose of the proposed rule change is to revise the Operational Risk Management Framework. These revisions do not require any changes to the ICC Clearing Rules (the “Rules”).

II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, ICC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. ICC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

(A) Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Purpose

ICC proposes to revise its ORMF. The ORMF details ICC’s dynamic and independent program of risk assessment and oversight that aims to reduce operational incidents, encourage process, and control improvement, bring transparency to operational performance standard monitoring, and fulfill regulatory obligations. ICC believes such proposed revisions will facilitate the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and derivative agreements, contracts, and transactions for which it is responsible. ICC proposes to make such changes effective following Commission approval of the proposed rule change. The proposed revisions are described in detail as follows.

The primary purpose of the proposed revisions is to incorporate procedures designed to comply with Commission

Rule 17Ad–25(i)³ which imposes requirements on ICC related to the management of risks from relationships with service providers for core services⁴ (“SPCS”). ICC proposes adding new Section II.B. ‘Management of Risks from Relationships with Service Providers for Core Services’ to the ORMF which adds procedures regarding ICC’s management of the risks related to relationships with SPCS. Specifically, proposed Section II.B. imposes the following requirements on ICC: (1) ICC senior management is required to evaluate and document the risks related to an agreement with a SPCS, including under changes to circumstances and potential disruptions, and whether the risks can be managed in a manner consistent with the ORMF; (2) ICC senior management is required to submit to the Board for review and approval any agreement that would establish a relationship with a SPCS, along with a risk evaluation described in (1) above; (3) ICC senior management is required to establish policies and procedures that govern relationships and manage risks related to such agreements with SPCS and the Board is required to be responsible for reviewing and approving such policies and procedures; and (4) ICC senior management is required to perform ongoing monitoring of the relationships with SPCS, and report to the Board which will provide its evaluation of any action taken by ICC senior management to remedy significant deterioration in performance or address changing risks or material issues identified through such monitoring, or if the risks or issues cannot be remedied, require ICC senior management to assess and document weaknesses or deficiencies in the relationship with the SPCS for submission to the Board. Also, ICC proposes to include in new Section II.B. a description of how ICC will identify

³ 17 CFR 240.17ad–25(i).

⁴ Commission Rule 17ad–25(a) defines ‘Service Provider for Core Services’ as any person that, through a written services provider agreement for services provided to or on behalf of a registered clearing agency, on an ongoing basis, directly supports the delivery of clearance or settlement functionality or any other purposes material to the business of the registered clearing agency.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.