

submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of an information collection on Standard Form 87 and 87A, Fingerprint Charts, and solicits comments on them.

Standard Form 87 and 87A Fingerprint Charts are completed by applicants for positions throughout the Federal Government. SF 87 is used by OPM, and SF 87A is used by agencies having a special agreement with OPM and the FBI. The information is used to conduct the checks of the FBI fingerprint files that are required by Executive Order 10450, Security Requirements for Government Employment, issued April 27, 1953, or required or authorized under other authorities.

It is estimated that 250,000 individuals will respond annually for a total burden of 20,833 hours. To obtain copies of this proposal please contact James M. Farron at (202) 418-3208 or E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 25, 1998.

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

Richard A. Ferris, Office of Personnel Management, Investigations Service, 1900 E. Street NW., Room 5416, Washington, DC 20415

and  
Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

*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 collection is 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.

### Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Representative Payee Monitoring; OMB 3220-0151.

Under Section 12 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the RRB may pay annuity benefits to a representative payee when an employee, spouse or survivor annuitant is incompetent or a minor. The RRB is responsible for determining if direct payment to an annuitant or a representative payee would best serve the annuitant's best interest. The accountability requirements authorizing the RRB to conduct periodic monitoring of representative payees, including a written accounting of benefit payments received, are prescribed in 20 CFR 266.7.

The RRB utilizes the following forms to conduct its representative payee monitoring program.

Form G-99a, Representative Payee Report, is used to obtain information needed to determine whether the benefit payments certified to the representative payee have been used for the annuitant's current maintenance and personal needs and whether the representative payee continues to be concerned with the annuitant's welfare. The RRB also includes RRB Form G-99a (Enc), Representative Payee Duties, which includes the Paperwork Reduction Act notice and a list of representative payee duties with each RRB Form G-99a released. RRB Form G-99c, Representative Payee Evaluation Report, is used to obtain more detailed information from a representative payee who fails to complete and return Form G-99a, or in situations when the returned Form G-99a indicates the possible misuse of funds by the representative payee. Form G-99c contains specific questions concerning the representative payee's performance and is used by the RRB to determine whether or not the representative payee should continue in that capacity. Completion of the forms in this collection is required to retain benefits.

The RRB proposes minor editorial changes to Form G-99a (enc) and to Form G-99c to incorporate language required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The addition of the annuitant's social security number is being proposed to Form G-99a. The completion time for Form G-99a is

estimated at 18 minutes per response. The completion time for Form G-99c is estimated at between 24 and 31 minutes per response. The RRB estimates that approximately 6,000 Form G-99a's and 535 G-99c's are completed annually.

*Additional Information or Comments:* To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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### Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220-0007.

Under Section 7(b)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), and section 5(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) any person aggrieved by a decision on his or her application for an annuity or benefit under that Act has the right to appeal to the RRB. This right is prescribed in 20