1998. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the 1998 Supplement may be purchased at any Government Printing Office (GPO) bookstore (stock no. 041–001–00507–2). The main GPO bookstore is located at 710 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401, (202) 512–0132. A copy may also be obtained from OMB home page on the Internet which is located at http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/Grants.

Comments on the 1998 Supplement should be mailed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Financial Management, Financial Standards and Reporting Branch, Room 6025, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Where possible, comments should reference the applicable page numbers. When comments of five pages or less are sent in by facsimile (fax), they should be faxed to (202) 395–4915. Electronic mail comments may be submitted to RAMSEY__T@A1.EOP.GOV. Please include the full body of the electronic mail comments in the text of the message and not as an attachment. Please include the name, title, organization, postal address, phone number, and E-mail address in the text of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Recipients should contact their cognizant or oversight agency for audit, or Federal awarding agency, as may be appropriate in the circumstances. Subrecipients should contact their pass through entity. Federal agencies should contact Terrill W. Ramsey, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Financial Management, Financial Standards and Reporting Branch, telephone (202) 395–3993.

Jacob J. Lew,

Acting Director.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Proposed Changes to Current Delivery Record Filing System

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the fall of 1998, the Postal Service will begin testing a new technological process that eliminates hardcopy filing of delivery records. If the test is successful, subsequent changes are planned in the portions of the Domestic Mail Manual and Domestic Mail Classification Schedule concerning delivery record information to reflect that hardcopy records will no longer be retained at the office of address.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Expedited and Package Information Systems, USPS Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4200NB, Washington, DC 20260–4299.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Bornitz, 202–268–6797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope

A national Postal Service database for maintaining delivery date, time, and other information is already in place and is being used for Express Mail items. This database is also being expanded to include electronic Delivery Confirmation records. Additional testing will include material handling, operations, and systems tests for the capturing, routing, optical scanning, storage, and retrieval of electronic records that include a signature. Testing of this universal strategy for signature capture is expected to begin in August, 1998, and will be completed by November, 1998. The Postal Service believes that the increased accessibility of an electronic database will improve customer service and response time, and speed up processes involving the filing of indemnity claims.

Current Internal Use

Delivery records are maintained for Postal Service use to reply to delivery inquiries and to substantiate indemnity claims. Current delivery records include article number, recipient signature, printed name (optional), delivery address, and delivery date. Records are also made available to customers in the form of a Return Receipt After Mailing or Duplicate Return Receipt. The Postal Service currently maintains delivery records for Express Mail, COD, Certified, Numbered Insured, Registered, Restricted Delivery, and Return Receipt for Merchandise items. The majority of records are maintained in hardcopy format at the office of delivery. However, some large offices use alternative methods where forms from several delivery units or offices are consolidated in a centralized location for filing and retrieval. Electronic records, without signature information, are maintained for Express Mail and Delivery Confirmation items in a centralized database.

Future Internal Use

The use of delivery record information will not change under this program. The delivery record will include the article number, date of delivery, signature of recipient, name of recipient, and addressee's delivery address if different from the address shown on the mailpiece. All electronic delivery records will be maintained at a Postal Service central database.

Current Customer Use

When a customer/mailer requests a Return Receipt, PS Form 3811, the Postal Service provides the requester with a return receipt showing to whom and date delivered, and the addressee's delivery address if different from the address shown on the mailpiece. (This form also contains the customer/recipient signature). When a customer/mailer requests a Return Receipt After Mailing, PS Form 3811–A, the Postal Service provides the name and date of delivery only. If a Duplicate Return Receipt is requested because the original service was not provided, the Postal Service provides the recipient's name, date of delivery, and the addressee's delivery address if different from the address shown on the mailpiece. If delivery was not made, the customer/mailer is provided this information as well. No actual signatures are provided with the latter two options. All information is provided via the mails in hardcopy format.

Future Customer Use

There would be no change in the service provided by Return Receipt options. Return Receipt (purchased at the time of mailing) would remain the same. Service would be improved for Duplicate Return Receipt and Return Receipt After Mailing by the inclusion of an electronically produced image of the customer/recipient's signature. Requesters would receive a Duplicate Return Receipt or Return Receipt After Mailing via fax or mail. The new form design would closely mimic the current form (PS Form 3811–A).

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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: Application for Survivor Insurance Annuities: OMB 3220–0030 Under Section 2(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), monthly survivor annuities are payable to surviving widow(er)s, parents, unmarried children, and in certain cases, divorced wives (husbands), mothers (fathers), remarried widow(er)s, and grandchildren of deceased railroad employees. The collection obtains the information required by the RRB to determine entitlement to and amount of the annuity applied for.

The RRB utilizes Form(s) AA–17 (*Application for Widow(ers) Annuity*), AA–17b (*Applications for Determination of Widow(er) Disability*), AA–18 (*Application for Mother's/Father's and Child's Annuity*), AA–19 (*Application for Child's Annuity*). AA–19a (*Application for Determination of Child Disability*), and AA–20 (*Application for Parent's Annuity*) to obtain the necessary information. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to obtain benefits.

The RRB proposes non-burden impacting editorial and formatting changes to all of the forms in this collection.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

[The estimated annual respondent burden is unchanged as follows:]

Form #(s)	Annual responses	Time (min.)	Burden (hrs.)
AA–17 (with assistance)	3,800	27	1,710
AA–17 (without assistance)	200	47	157
AA–17b (with assistance)	380	40	253
AA–17b (without assistance)	20	50	17
AA–18 (with assistance)	333	27	150
AA–18 (without assistance)	17	47	13
AA–19 (with assistance)	665	27	299
AA–19 (without assistance)	35	47	27
AA–19a (with assistance)	285	45	214
AA–19a (without assistance)	15	65	16
AA–20 (with assistance)	13	27	6
AA–20 (without assistance)	2	47	2
Total	5,765		2,864

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting materials, 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 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092. Written comments should be received by August 10, 1998.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ad–6, SEC File No. 270–151, OMB Control No. 3235–0291

Rule 17Ad–7, SEC File No. 270–152, OMB Control No. 3235–0136

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

• Rule 17Ad–6 Recordkeeping requirements for transfer agents.

Rule 17Ad–6 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78b et. seq.) (the ''Act'') requires every registered transfer agent to make and keep current records about a variety of information, such as: (1) specific operational data regarding the time taken to perform transfer agent activities (to ensure compliance with the minimum performance standards in Rule 17Ad–2 (17 CFR 240.17Ad–2)); (2) written inquires and requests by shareholders and broker-dealers and response time thereto; (3) resolutions, contracts or other supporting documents concerning the appointment or termination of the transfer agent; (4) stop orders or notices of adverse claims to the securities; and (5) all canceled registered securities certificates.

These recordkeeping requirements ensure that all registered transfer agents are maintaining the records necessary to monitor and keep adequate control over their own performance and to examine registered transfer agents on an historical basis for compliance with applicable rules.

It is estimated that approximately 1,248 registered transfer agents will spend a total of 599,040 hours per year complying with Rule 17Ad–6. Based on average cost per hour of $50, the total cost of compliance with Rule 17Ad–6 is $29,952,000.

• Rule 17Ad–7 Record retention requirements for transfer agents