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DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 22, 1999.

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Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of an Information Collection: RI 78-11

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an information collection. RI 78-11, Medicare Part B Certification, collects information from annuitants, their spouses, and survivor annuitants to determine their eligibility under the Retired Federal Employees Health Benefits Program for a Government contribution toward the cost of Part B Medicare.

Approximately 100 RI 78-11 forms are completed annually. Each form requires approximately 10 minutes to complete for an annual estimated burden of 17 hours.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Karen Jacobs, Acting Director, Staffing
Reinvention Office, Employment
Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on May 7, 1999 (64 FR 24684). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between April 1, 1999, and April 30, 1999, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during April 1999.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during April 1999.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during April 1999:

Department of Agriculture

Staff Assistant to the Confidential Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. Effective April 1, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Effective April 2, 1999.

Department of the Army (DOD)

Secretary (Office Automation) to the General Counsel of the Army. Effective April 12, 1999.

Department of Commerce

Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective April 8, 1999.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective April 12, 1999.

Department of Defense

Staff Specialist to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. Effective April 9, 1999.

Department of Education

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages and Affairs. Effective April 8, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Briefing Staff. Effective April 8, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education. Effective April 8, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Secretary's Regional Representative, San Francisco. Effective April 9, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Effective April 13, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Post Secondary Education. Effective April 19, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Senior Advisor to Secretary on Education Reform. Effective April 26, 1999.

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs. Effective April 1, 1999.

Department of Health and Human Services

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health. Effective April 22, 1999.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Special Assistant to the Secretary's Representative. Effective April 12, 1999.

Advisor for Management Reform and Operations to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective April 13, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Effective April 19, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Secretary's Representative, New England. Effective April 21, 1999.

Intergovernmental Relations Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations. Effective April 22, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. Effective April 28, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. Effective April 30, 1999.

Department of the Interior

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Surface Mining. Effective April 8, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Minerals Management Service. Effective April 22, 1999.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Director, Women's Bureau. Effective April 28, 1999.

Department of State

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective April 1, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department Spokesman, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective April 1, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective April 1, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective April 1, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective April 9, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective April 15, 1999.

Federal Communications Commission

Special Assistant for Policy and Communication to the Chief, Office of Public Affairs. Effective April 16, 1999.

General Services Administration

Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator, National Capital Region. Effective April 19, 1999.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Writer-Editor to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective April 2, 1999.

Office of Management and Budget

Legislative Analyst to the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective April 8, 1999.

Senior Public Affairs Officer to the Associate Director for Communications. Effective April 30, 1999.

Office of the United States Trade Representative

Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Congressional Relations to the Deputy U.S. Trade Representative. Effective April 27, 1999.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Investor Education and Assistance. Effective April 13, 1999.

Small Business Administration

Special Assistant to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Management. Effective April 26, 1999.

Social Security Administration

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner of Social Security. Effective April 6, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective April 21, 1999.

United States Information Agency

Special Assistant for Public Diplomacy to the Associate Director, Bureau of Information. Effective April 2, 1999.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954—1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director, Office of Personnel Management.

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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:

Pension Plan Reports: OMB 3220-0089.

Under Section 2(b) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) pays supplemental annuities to qualified RRB employee annuitants. A supplemental annuity, which is computed according to Section 3(e) of the RRA, can be paid at age 60 if the employee has at least 30 years of creditable railroad service or at age 65 if the employee has 25-29 years of railroad service. In addition to 25 years of service, a "current connection" with the railroad industry is required. Eligibility is further limited to employees who had at least one month of rail service before October 1981 and were awarded regular annuities after June 1966. Further, if an employee's 65th birthday was prior to September 2, 1981, he or she must not have worked in rail service after certain closing dates (generally the last day of the month following the month in which age 65 is attained).

The RRB requires the following information from railroad employers to calculate supplemental annuities: (a) the current status of railroad employer pension plans and whether such an employer pension plan causes a reduction to the supplemental annuity; (b) the amount of the employer private pension being paid to the employee; (c) whether or not the railroad employer pension is based on a collective bargaining agreement, (d) whether or not the employee made contributions to the pension; and (e) whether the employer pension plan continues when the employer status under the RRA changes.

The RRB currently utilizes Form(s) G-88p (Employer's Supplemental Pension Report), G-88r (Request for Information