would assume the status and obligations of a common carrier to provide service upon a reasonable demand. According to RSRL, the parties are finalizing, and will shortly execute, an agreement providing for NSR’s donation of the approximately 2.42-mile line to RSRL. RSRL certifies that the proposed transaction would not involve a provision or agreement that would limit RSRL’s ability to interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. RSRL states that it will connect and interchange with NSR in the vicinity of milepost 6.92. RSRL also certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in RSRL becoming a Class I or Class II rail carrier and states that its projected annual revenues will not exceed $5 million. The transaction is expected to be consummated on or after January 17, 2016, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed). If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions to stay must be filed no later than January 8, 2016 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 35976, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 South Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606. Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at WWW.STB.DOT.GOV.


By the Board, Julia M. Farr, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Raina S. Conte,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2016, the prompt payment interest rate is 2¼ per centum per annum.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern and has failed to pay for the complete delivery of property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95–563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of such penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). “The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made.” 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2016, is 2¼ per centum per annum.

David A. Lebryk,
Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, on or after the date of publication of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before February 1, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.gov and (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 8140, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by email at PRA@treasury.gov or the entire information collection request may be found at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–0771.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

Title: TD 8864 (Final); EE–63–88 (Final and temp regulations) Taxation of Fringe Benefits and Exclusions From Gross Income for Certain Fringe Benefits; IA–140–86 (Temporary) Fringe Benefits.

Abstract: This regulation provides guidance on the tax treatment of taxable and nontaxable fringe benefits and general and specific rules for the valuation of taxable fringe benefits in accordance with Code sections 61 and 132 and provides guidance on exclusions from gross income for certain fringe benefits (IA–140–86). This regulation provides guidance relating to the requirement that any deduction or credit with respect to business travel, entertainment, and gift expenses be substantiated with adequate records in accordance with Code section 274(d).

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profit.
This document contains the following:

**Title:** Notice 2016–17, Qualifying Gasification Project Program.

**Abstract:** This notice establishes the qualifying gasification project program under Sec. 48B of the Internal Revenue Code. The notice provides the time and manner for a taxpayer to apply for an allocation of qualifying gasification project credits.

**Affected Public:** Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 1,700.

**OMB Number:** 1545–2003.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

**Title:** Notice 2006–24, Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program.

**Abstract:** Notice 2006–24 establishes the qualifying advanced coal project program under Sec. 48A of the Internal Revenue Code. The notice provides the time and manner for a taxpayer to apply for an allocation of qualifying advanced coal project credits and, once the taxpayer has received this allocation, the time and manner for the taxpayer to file for a certification of its qualifying advanced coal project.

**Affected Public:** Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 4,950.

**OMB Number:** 1545–2141.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

**Title:** Notice 2009–31—Election and Notice Procedures for Multiemployer Plans under Sections 204 and 205 of WERRA.

**Abstract:** The guidance in this notice implements temporary, elective relief under the Workers, Retirees, and Employers Relief Act of 2008 (WERRA), which was enacted December 2008 for multi-employer pension plans from certain funding requirements.

**Affected Public:** Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 1,600.

**OMB Number:** 1545–2143.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

**Title:** Notice 2009–26, Build America Bonds and Direct Payment Subsidy Implementation.

**Abstract:** This Notice provides guidance on the tax incentives for Build America Bonds under § 54AA of the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”) and the implementation plans for the refundable credit payment procedures for these bonds. It includes guidance on the modified Build America Bond program for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds under § 1400U–2 of the Code. The Notice also provides guidance on the initial refundable credit payment procedures, required elections, and information reporting and solicits public comments on the refundable credit payment procedures for these bonds. This Notice is intended to facilitate prompt implementation of the Build America Bond program and to enable state and local governments to begin issuing these bonds for authorized purposes to promote economic recovery and job creation.

**Affected Public:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 15,000.

**OMB Number:** 1545–2155.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

**Title:** TD 9469 (REG–102822–08) Section 108 Reduction of Tax Attributes for S Corporations.

**Abstract:** The regulation provides guidance to S corporations that must reduce their tax attributes under section 108(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years in which an S corporation incurs discharge of indebtedness income that is excluded under section 108(a). The regulations will affect S corporations and their shareholders. The collection of information in the regulations requires shareholders to inform the S corporation of a shareholder-level tax attribute that the S corporation must reduce under section 108(b). Following the tax attribute reduction, the S corporation must inform the shareholders of the remaining balance, if any, of the shareholder’s tax attribute.

**Affected Public:** Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 1,000.

**OMB Number:** 1545–2262.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

**Title:** Form 5498–QA (ABLE Account Contribution Information) and 1099–QA (Distributions from ABLE Accounts).

**Form:** 5498–QA, 1099–QA.

**Abstract:** This form will be used to report the contributions of Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts under IRC 529A. IRS uses this information to verify compliance with the reporting rules and to verify that the recipient has included the proper...
amount of income on his or her income tax return.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits; farms; Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 3,600.


Dawn D. Wolfgang,
Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Proposed Information Collection (Transfer of Scholastic Credit (Schools) (FL–315)) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

Please refer to SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: for further information contact:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

OMB Number: 1513–0004.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Records Supporting Drawback Claims on Eligible Articles Brought into the United States from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands (TTB REC 5530/3).

Abstract: TTB uses the records required to be kept under this information collection to verify claims for drawback of the Federal excise tax paid on eligible articles (generally, nonbeverage products) brought into the United States from Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 240.

OMB Number: 1513–0089.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Request for Certification to the United States from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands (TTB REC 5530/3).

Abstract: TTB uses the records required to be kept under this information collection to verify claims for drawback of the Federal excise tax paid on eligible articles (generally, nonbeverage products) brought into the United States from Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 160.


Dawn D. Wolfgang,
Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0118]

Proposed Information Collection (Transfer of Scholastic Credit (Schools) (FL–315)) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed for students to transfer course credit from one school to another school.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. “2900–0118” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501—21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Transfer of Scholastic Credit (Schools)—(FL 22–315).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0118.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA FL 22–315 is used when a student is receiving Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits while enrolled at two training institutions at the same time. This institution at which the student pursues his approved program of education must