

addressed under OMB Control Number 2140–0016. This request proposes to combine collections under Control Numbers 2140–0016 and 2140–0023, with 2140–0023 being the survivor. The Board will request to discontinue Control Number 2140–0016 upon OMB approval of the merger.

Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board’s request for OMB approval.

**Description of Collection 1**

*Title:* Statutory Licensing Authority.

*OMB Control Number:* 2140–0023.

*STB Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension with change.

*Respondents:* Rail carriers and non-carriers seeking statutory licensing or consolidation authority or an exemption from filing an application for such authority.

*Number of Respondents:* 76.<sup>1</sup>

*Estimated Time per Response:*

**ESTIMATED HOURS PER RESPONSE**

| Type of filing     | Number of hours per response under 49 U.S.C. 10901–03 and 11323–26 |
|--------------------|--|
| Applications ..... | 524  |
| Petitions * .....  | 58   |
| Notices * .....    | 19   |

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**NUMBER OF RESPONSES IN FY 2015**

| Type of filing     | Number of filings under 49 U.S.C. 10901–03 and 11323–26 |
|--------------------|---|
| Applications ..... | 1   |
| Petitions * .....  | 12  |

<sup>1</sup> Approximately 40% of the filings are additional filings submitted by railroads that had already submitted filings during the time period.

**NUMBER OF RESPONSES IN FY 2015—Continued**

| Type of filing  | Number of filings under 49 U.S.C. 10901–03 and 11323–26 |
|-----------------|---|
| Notices * ..... | 113   |

\* Under section 10502, petitions for exemption and notices of exemption are permitted in lieu of an application.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 3,367 (sum total of estimated hours per response × number of responses for each type of filing).

*Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost:* None identified. Filings are submitted electronically to the Board.

*Needs and Uses:* Under the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law No. 104–88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995), persons seeking to construct, acquire or operate a line of railroad and railroads seeking to abandon or to discontinue operations over a line of railroad or, in the case of two or more railroads, to consolidate their interests through merger or a common-control arrangement are required to file an application for prior approval and authority with the Board. See 49 U.S.C. 10901–03, 11323–26. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, persons may seek an exemption from many of the application requirements of sections 10901–03 and 11323–26 by filing with the Board a petition for exemption or notice of exemption in lieu of an application. The collection by the Board of these applications, petitions, and notices (including collection of disclosures of rail interchange commitments under 49 CFR 1150.43(h)) enables the Board to meet its statutory duty to regulate the referenced rail transactions.

**Description of Collection 2**

*Title:* Disclosure of Rail Interchange Commitments.

*OMB Control Number:* 2140–0016.

*STB Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Respondents:* Noncarriers and carriers seeking an exemption to acquire (through purchase or lease) or to operate a rail line, if the proposed transaction would create an interchange commitment.

*Number of Respondents:* 4.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 8 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours* (annually including all respondents): 32 hours.

*Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost:* None identified. Filings may be submitted electronically to the Board.

*Needs and Uses:* Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, noncarriers and carriers may seek an exemption from the prior approval requirements of sections 10901, 10902, and 11323 to acquire (through purchase or lease) or to operate a rail line. These transactions may create agreements with interchange commitments. If the interchange commitments limit the future interchange of traffic with third parties, then certain information must be disclosed to the Board about those commitments. 49 CFR 1150.43(h). The collection of this information facilitates the case-specific review of interchange commitments and enables the Board’s monitoring of their usage generally.

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: January 23, 2017.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Bureau of the Fiscal Service**

**Proposed Collection of Information: Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payment (SF 5510)**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within

the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Standard Form 5510, "Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payment".

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 27, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments and requests for further information to Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or [bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payment.

*OMB Number:* 1530-0015 (Previously approved as 1510-0059 as a collection conducted by Department of the Treasury/Financial Management Service).

*Transfer of OMB Control Number:* Financial Management Service (FMS) and the Bureau of Public Debt (BPD) have consolidated to become the Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service). Information collection requests previously held separately by FMS and BPD will now be identified by a 1530 prefix, designating Fiscal Service.

*Form Number:* SF 5510.

*Abstract:* The form is used to collect information from remitters (individuals and corporations) to authorize electronic fund transfers from accounts maintained at financial institutions to collect monies for government agencies.

*Current Actions:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households, Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 25,000.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection

techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 17, 2017.

**Bruce A. Sharp,**

*Bureau Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0059]**

**Agency Information Collection Activity: (Statement of Person Claiming to Have Stood in Relation of Parent, VA Form 21P-524))**

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://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](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0059" 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:* Statement of Person Claiming to Have Stood in Relation of Parent, VA Form 21P-524.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0059.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Abstract:* The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through its Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), administers an integrated program of benefits and services, established by law, for veterans, service personnel, and their dependents and/or beneficiaries.

38 U.S.C. 1310 established Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), a benefit payable to the survivors of a Veteran who dies from a service-connected or compensable disability.

38 U.S.C. 1315 established Dependency and Indemnity Compensation to parents (known as Parents' DIC). Parents' DIC is monthly benefit payable to the surviving parent(s) of a deceased Veteran. The monthly benefit payable is dependent of the parent(s) based on the parent's (parents') annual income. An additional monthly amount is payable if the parent is a patient in a nursing home, blind, or so nearly blind or significantly disabled as to need or require the regular aid and attendance of another person.

38 CFR 3.59 defines the term "Parent" as ". . . a natural mother or father (including the mother of an illegitimate child or the father of an illegitimate child if the usual family relationship existed), mother or father through adoption, or a person who for a period of not less than 1 year stood in the relationship of a parent to a veteran at any time before his or her entry into active service."

The information collected will be used by VBA to evaluate a claimant's parental relationship to a deceased Veteran when the claimant is not the