

the timeline specified in this notice and, to the extent practicable, without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system. See 49 CFR 236.1021; see also 49 CFR 236.1011(e). Under 49 CFR 236.1021, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a railroad's RFA at FRA's sole discretion.

Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <https://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov. To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

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Carolyn R. Hayward-Williams,

Director, Office of Railroad Systems and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Comment Request on the Burden Related to Foreign Status and U.S. Withholding Certifications

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 13, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and recommendations to Andrés García, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email at

pra.comments@irs.gov. Please include, "OMB Number: 1545-1621—Public Comment Request Notice" in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, (202)-317-5746 or via email at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess its impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. 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 and be viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information.

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.

Title: Foreign Status and U.S. Withholding Certifications.

OMB Number: 1545-1621.

Form Number(s): W-8 BEN, W-8 BEN-E, W-8ECI, W-8EXP, and W-8IMY.

Abstract: The Forms W-8 series enables foreign individuals, entities, intermediaries, governments, and certain tax-exempt organizations to certify their status for U.S. withholding and reporting purposes. Withholding agents use the information to determine the correct withholding tax treatment, including eligibility for reduced withholding, exemptions, and other applicable tax provisions under the Internal Revenue Code.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the burden at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,390,700.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 9 hrs., 1 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30,562,942.

Dated: August 10, 2026.

Ronald J. Durbala,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Comment Request on the Burden Related to the Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 13, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and recommendations to Andrés García, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email at pra.comments@irs.gov. Please include, "OMB Number: 1545-0197—Public Comment Request Notice" in the subject line of the message.

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