

Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title*: Public Service Pension Questionnaires.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted*: G-208, G-212.
- (3) *OMB Number*: 3220-0136.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance*: 12/31/97.
- (5) *Type of request*: Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents*: Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents*: 7,700.
- (8) *Total annual responses*: 7,700.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours*: 1,200.

(10) *Collection description*: A spouse or survivor annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act may be subjected to a reduction for a public service pension. The questionnaires obtain information needed to determine if the reduction applies and the amount of such reduction.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Great Northern Finance Corporation; Order of Suspension of Trading

[File No. 500-1]

October 27, 1997.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of adequate and accurate current information concerning the securities of Great Northern Finance Corporation ("GNFL"), of Denver, Colorado. Questions have been raised about publicly-disseminated information concerning, among other things: (1) arrangements, understandings or agreements to artificially control the market for GNFL's securities; (2) the ownership of GNFL's securities; (3) the

status of a proposed acquisition of Lazer-Tek Designs, Inc. by GNFL; (4) the business prospects of Lazer-Tek; and (5) the business prospects of GNFL.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the above listed company is suspended for the period from 9:00 a.m. EST, October 27, 1997 through 11:59 p.m. EST, on November 7, 1997.

By the Commission.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests and Comment Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as information collection packages submitted to OMB for clearance, in compliance with P.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

I. The information collection(s) listed below require(s) extension(s) of the current OMB approval(s) or are proposed new collection(s):

1. *Request to be Selected as Payee—0960-0014*. The information collected on Form SSA-11-BK is used to determine the proper payee for a Social Security beneficiary, and it is designed to aid in the investigation of a payee applicant. The form will establish the applicant's relationship to the beneficiary, the justification, the concern for the beneficiary and the manner in which the benefits will be used. The respondents are applicants for selection as representative payee for Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Black Lung benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,709,657.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10.5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 229,190 hours.

2. *Application for Benefits Under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as Amended; (Widow's Claim,*

Child's Claim and Dependent's Claim)—0960-0118. Sections 402(g) and 412(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act provide that those widows, surviving children, and dependent parents, brothers or sisters who are not currently receiving benefits on the deceased miner's account must file the appropriate application within 6 months of the deceased miner's death, using Forms SSA-47, 48 and 49. This information is used to determine eligibility for benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,800.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 11 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 330 hours.

3. *Work History Report—0960-0552*. Form SSA-3369-BK is used by the State Disability Determination Services (DDSs) to determine disability and to record information about the claimant's work history during the past 15 years. The respondents are claimants who live in Virginia and are applying for OASDI and SSI benefits.

Number of Respondents: 32,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 16,000 hours.

4. *Disability Report-Child—0960-0504*. Form SSA-3820-BK is used by the State DDSs to record claimants' allegations and sources of evidence in determining eligibility for children filing for SSI disability benefits. The respondents are SSI claimants who live in Virginia and are applying for disabled child's benefits.

Number of Respondents: 10,900.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 40 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,267 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

II. The information collection(s) listed below have been submitted to OMB:

1. *Disability Report—0960-0573.* The information collected on Form SSA-3368-F6 is needed for the determination of disability by the State DDSs. The information will be used to develop medical evidence and to assess the alleged disability. The respondents are applicants for disability benefits.

Number of Respondents: 2,438,496.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated annual Burden: 1,828,872 hours.

2. *Work History Report—0960-0572.* The information collected on Form SSA-3369-F6 is needed for the determination of disability by the State DDSs. The information will be used to document an individual's past work history. The respondents are applicants for OASDI and SSI benefits.

Number of Respondents: 1,000,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated annual Burden: 500,000 hours.

3. *Medical History and Disability Report, Disabled Child—0960-0574.* The information collected on Form SSA-3820-F4 is needed for the determination of disability by the State DDSs to obtain various types of information about a child's condition, his/her treating sources and/or other medical sources of evidence. The respondents are SSI claimants who are applying for disabled child's benefits.

Number of Respondents: 523,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated annual Burden: 174,333 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be directed within 30 days to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503

(SSA) Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to him at the address listed above.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

Nicholas E. Tagliareni,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Finding Regarding the Social Insurance System of The Czech Republic

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Finding Regarding the Social Insurance System of The Czech Republic.

FINDING: Section 202(t)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(1)) prohibits payment of monthly benefits to any individual who is not a United States citizen or national for any month after he or she has been outside the United States for 6 consecutive months, and prior to the first month thereafter for all of which, the individual has been in the United States. This prohibition does not apply to such an individual where one of the exceptions described in sections 202(t)(2) through 202(t)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)-(5)) affects his or her case.

Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act provides that, subject to certain residency requirements of section 202(t)(11), the prohibition against payment shall not apply to any individual who is a citizen of a country which the Commissioner of Social Security finds has in effect a social insurance system which is of general application in such country and which:

- (a) pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and
- (b) permits individuals who are United States citizens but not citizens of that country and who qualify for such benefits to receive those benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, while outside the foreign country regardless of the duration of the absence.

The Commissioner of Social Security has delegated the authority to make such a finding to the Associate Commissioner for International Policy. Under that authority, the Associate Commissioner for International Policy has approved a finding that the Czech Republic, as of January 1, 1993, has a social insurance system of general application which:

- (a) pays periodic benefits, or the actuarial equivalent thereof, on account of old age, retirement, or death; and
- (b) permits United States citizens who are not citizens of the Czech Republic

and who qualify for the relevant benefits to receive those benefits, or their actuarial equivalent, while outside of the Czech Republic, regardless of the duration of the absence of these individuals from the Czech Republic.

Accordingly, it is hereby determined and found that the Czech Republic has in effect, as of January 1, 1993, a social insurance system which meets the requirements of section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(t)(2)).

This is our first finding under section 202(t) of the Social Security Act for the Czech Republic. Before January 1993, the United States did not recognize the Czech Republic as an independent nation. Czechoslovakia divided into two separate states, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, on January 1, 1993. At that time, and until January 1996, the Czech Republic continued to use the old Czechoslovak social insurance system which was determined to meet the provisions of Section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act on July 1, 1968. The Czech Republic also considered itself bound by the Diplomatic Notes on reciprocity of payments that were exchanged between the United States and Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the addendum in 1969.

The new social insurance law, the Pension Insurance Act, entered into force in the Czech Republic on January 1, 1996. Prior to that date, Czech citizens met an exception under the provisions of section 202(t)(2) based on the old Czechoslovak law that was still in effect.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Powers, Room 1104, West High Rise Building, P.O. Box 17741, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3568.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance)

Dated: October 24, 1997.

James A. Kissko,

Associate Commissioner for International Policy.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Senior Executive Service; Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership.