

practices; to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities; to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system; and to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposal balances the competing interests of specialists and market makers while assisting specialists in making tight and liquid markets in assigned issues. The proposal also protects the public interest by requiring quarterly reviews and assuring that a customer's participation is never disadvantaged by the enhanced parity split.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

The Exchange did not solicit or receive written comments with respect to the proposed rule change.

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) does not become operative for 30 days from November 14, 1997, the date on which it was filed,<sup>16</sup> and the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>17</sup> and Rule 19b-4(e) (6)<sup>18</sup> thereunder.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

<sup>16</sup> The proposed rule change filing is deemed filed as of the date Amendment No. 1 was received by the Commission.

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e)(6).

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submissions, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any persons, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-97-48 and should be submitted by January 2, 1998.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>19</sup>

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### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Senior Executive Service; Performance Review Board Members**

**ACTION:** Standing Roster of Members of this Agency's Senior Executive Service.

**SUMMARY:** Section 4314(c)(4) of Title 5, requires Federal agencies publish notification of the appointment of individuals who may serve as members of that Agency's Performance Review Boards (PRB). The following is a standing roster:

1. Paul Weech, Chief of Staff;
2. Chris Sale, Chief Operating Officer;
3. John Whitmore, Deputy to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development;
4. Mary K. Swedin, Assistant Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs;
5. John Gray, Associate Deputy Administrator for Economic Development;
6. Carolyn J. Smith, Assistant Administrator for Human Resources;

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

7. Herbert Mitchell, Deputy Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance;
8. Mark Stephens, Deputy General Counsel;
9. John Smith, District Director (Chicago);
10. Erline Patrick, Assistant Administrator for Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Compliance;
11. Darryl Dennis, Counselor to the Administrator;
12. Charles Anderson, District Director (Miami);
13. Monika Harrison, Associate Administrator for Business Initiatives;;
14. Judith Roussel, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting;
15. Mark Quinn, District Director (San Francisco);
16. Larry Wilson, Chief Financial Officer;
17. Jeanne Saddler, Counselor to the Administrator;
18. John T. Spotila, General Counsel;
19. David Kohler, Associate General Counsel for General Law;
20. Eric Benderson, Associate General Counsel for Litigation;
21. Elizabeth Myers; Senior Advisor to the Administrator;
22. Jadine Neilsen, Senior Advisor to the Administrator;
23. Mona Mitnick, Assistant Administrator for Hearings and Appeals;
24. Edward Eugene Carlson, Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison;
25. Gregory Walter, Deputy Chief Financial Officer;
26. Bernard Kulik, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance;
27. Jane Butler, Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance;
28. Arnold Rosenthal, Assistant Administrator for Borrower and Lender Servicing;
29. Don Christensen, Associate Administrator for Investment;
30. Robert Moffitt, Associate Administrator for Surety Guarantees;
31. Johnnie Albertson, Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers;
32. Jeanne Scalter, Acting Deputy to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Economic Development;;
33. James Van Wert, Senior Advisor for Policy and Planning;
34. Lawrence Barrett, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Management and Administration;

35. Robert Lineberry, Deputy Chief Information Officer;
36. Thomas Dumaresq, Assistant Administrator for Administration;
37. Calving Jenkins, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development;
38. Aubrey Rogers, District Director (New York);
39. Francisco Marrero, District Director (Newark);
40. Gary Cook, District Director (Charlotte); and
41. Alberto Alvarado, District Director (Los Angeles).

Dated: December 5, 1997.

**Aida Alvarez,**  
Administrator.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Supplementary Agreement on Social Security Between the United States and Canada; Entry Into Force

The Commissioner of Social Security gives notice that a supplementary agreement entered into force on October 1, 1997, which amends the Social Security agreement between the United States (U.S.) and Canada that has been in effect since August 1, 1984. The supplementary agreement, which was signed on May 28, 1996, was concluded pursuant to section 233 of the Social Security Act.

The supplementary agreement amends the original agreement to update and clarify several provisions. Its primary purpose, however, is to provide Canada with explicit legal authorization to enter into a mutual assistance arrangement on Social Security with the United States. A mutual assistance arrangement will allow the Social Security Administration and the Canadian Social Security agency to assist each other in projects that will enhance the integrity of each country's payments to its beneficiaries in the other country.

Individuals who wish to obtain copies of the supplementary agreement or want general information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of International Policy, Post Office Box 17741, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Anyone who wants information about the Canadian social security system should write to: International Operations Directorate, Income Security Programs Branch, Department of Human Resources Development, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0L4.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Supplementary Agreement on Social Security Between the United States and the United Kingdom; Entry Into Force

The Commissioner of Social Security gives notice that on September 1, 1997 a supplementary agreement entered into force which amends the Social Security agreement between the United States (U.S.) and the United Kingdom (U.K.) that has been in effect since January 1, 1985. The supplementary agreement, which was signed on June 6, 1996, was concluded pursuant to section 233 of the Social Security Act.

The supplementary agreement amends the original agreement to update and clarify several of its provisions. Its primary purpose, however, is to remove certain restrictions in the original agreement on the payment of U.K. disability benefits to residents of the United States.

Individuals who wish to obtain copies of the supplementary agreement or want general information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of International Policy, Post Office Box 17741, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Anyone who wants information about U.K. benefits should write to: Pensions and Overseas Benefits Directorate, Tyneview Park, Whitley Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE98 1BA, England.

Dated: November 7, 1997.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Reports, Form and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extensions of two currently approved information

collections. The ICRs describes the nature of the information collection and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on both "Special Notice for Repairs" OMB Control Number 2130-0504 and "Designation of Qualified Persons" OMB Control Number 2130-0511 was published in 62 FR 4745-44746, August 22, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 12, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steve Trigonoplos, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 632-3221). (This telephone number is not toll-free.)

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Federal Railroad Administration

**Title:** Special Notice for Repairs (49 CFR 216).

**OMB Number:** 2130-0504.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Form(s):** FRA F6180.8 and 8a.

**Abstract:** FRA and State inspectors have the authority to immediately order the cessation of use of unsafe equipment, reduce the authorized operating speed on a section of track, or recommend that track be removed from service when they are found to be immediately unsafe for service. The railroad may, within 5 days after receiving such notice, appeal to FRA.

**Burden Estimate:** The estimated burden is 25 hours annually.

**Title:** Designation of Qualified Persons (49 CFR 215).

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0511.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Form(s):** N/A.

**Abstract:** Under the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970, the Federal Railroad Administration promulgated the Freight Car Safety Standards—49 CFR part 215. These standards require each railroad to conduct regular inspections and take necessary remedial action relative to repairs or movement for repairs of defective railroad freight cars.

Under part 215.11, railroads are required to designate persons qualified to inspect freight cars for compliance with part 215 and persons who shall determine restrictions on movements of defective cars. Inspectors are designated as qualified to inspect freight cars to ensure that the cars receive a full and accurate inspection for compliance with part 215. Under "Movement of Defective Cars for Repair" designated inspectors