

proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Reason for Late Notice: Difficulty in arranging for a suitable meeting time for the full committee.

Dated: June 24, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[SF 2817]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Review of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a new information collection. SF 2817, Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Election, is used to enroll or change elections under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program. This form is proposed for clearance because Federal employees and retirees can now assign (give up ownership) of their insurance coverage. Assignees may now use the SF 2817 to make election changes to decrease the employee's or retiree's coverage. Since assignees are members of the public, OMB clearance is now required for this form. We are clearing this form for assignees only.

We estimate 100 forms are completed annually by assignees. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 25 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before August 26, 1996.

ADDRESS: Send or deliver comments to—Kenneth H. Glass, Chief, Insurance

Operations Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3415, Washington, DC 20415-0001.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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[RI 95-4]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of an information collection. RI 95-4, Marital Information Required of Refund Applicants, is used by OPM to pay refunds of retirement contributions. OPM must know about the applicant's marital status and whether any spouse and any former spouses have been informed of the proposed refund. All applicants for refund must respond.

Approximately 5,000 RI 95-4 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 2,500 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Barbara Yearwood, Acting Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 4429, Washington, DC 20415-0001

and
Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 3002, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Management Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Cancellation of Open Committee Meeting

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 1996, has been canceled.

Information on other meetings can be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-1500.

Dated: June 17, 1996.

Phyllis G. Foley,

Chair, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):

(1) *Collection title:* Request for Medicare Payment.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-740S, HCFA-1500.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0131.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* July 31, 1996.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* See Justification (Item No. 12).

(8) *Total annual responses:* 1.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 1.

(10) *Collection description:* The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. The collection obtains the information needed by the MetraHealth Insurance Company, the RRB's carrier, to pay claims for services covered under Part B of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Copies of the form 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, DC 20503. Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26535]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, As Amended ("Act")

June 21, 1996.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by July 15, 1996, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of

any notice of order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Alabama Power Company, et al. (70-8461)

Alabama Power Company, 600 North 18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35291 ("Alabama"), Georgia Power Company, 333 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308 ("Georgia"), Gulf Power Company, 500 Bayfront Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32501 ("Gulf"), Mississippi Power Company, 2992 West Beach, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501 ("Mississippi") and Savannah Electric and Power Company, 600 East Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 ("Savannah") (together, "Operating Companies"), electric public utility subsidiaries of The Southern Company, a registered holding company, have filed a post-effective amendment to their application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10 and 12(b) of the Act and rules 45 and 54 thereunder.

By order dated December 15, 1994 (HCAR No. 26187) ("December Order") each Operating Company was authorized to organize a separate special purpose subsidiary as: (1) a statutory business trust; (2) a limited liability company under the Limited Liability Company Act; and (3) a limited partnership under the Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act of any state in which they respectively are organized to do business or are incorporated, or of the State of Delaware or other jurisdiction considered advantageous by any of the Operating Companies ("Special Purpose Subsidiaries"). The Special Purpose Subsidiaries then could issue and sell their preferred securities ("Preferred Securities"), with a par or stated value or liquidation preference of up to \$100 per security, at any time or from time-to-time, in one or more series through December 31, 1997. The Preferred Securities would be sold by the respective Special Purpose Subsidiaries in the following aggregate par or stated value or liquidation preference amounts: (1) up to \$175 million in the case of Alabama; (2) up to \$300 million in the case of Georgia; (3) up to \$15 million in the case of Gulf; (4) up to \$15 million in the case of Mississippi; and (5) up to \$10 million in the case of Savannah.

Further, the December Order authorized each Operating Company to acquire all of the common stock ("Common Securities") or all of the general partnership interests, as the case may be, of its Special Purpose Subsidiary for an amount up to 21% of

the total equity capitalization from time-to-time of such Special Purpose Subsidiary ("Equity Contribution"). Each Operating Company may issue and sell to its Special Purpose Subsidiary, at any time or from time-to-time in one or more series, subordinated debentures, promissory notes or other debt instruments ("Notes") governed by an indenture or other document, and the Special Purpose Subsidiary will apply both the Equity Contribution and the proceeds from the sale of Preferred Securities to purchase Notes of such Operating Company. Alternatively, each Operating Company may enter into a loan agreement or agreements with its Special Purpose Subsidiary under which it will loan to the Operating Company ("Loans") both the Equity Contribution and the proceeds from the sale of the Preferred Securities evidenced by Notes. Each Operating Company may also guarantee ("Guaranties") the payment of dividends or distributions on the Preferred Securities, payments to the Preferred Securities holders of amounts due upon liquidation or redemption of the Preferred Securities and certain additional amounts that may be payable regarding the Preferred Securities.

Each Note will have a term, including extensions, of up to 50 years. Prior to maturity, each Operating Company will pay only interest on its Notes at a rate equal to the dividend or distribution rate on the related series of Preferred Securities. The dividend or distribution rate may be either fixed or adjustable, determined on a periodic basis by auction or remarketing procedures, in accordance with a formula or formulae based upon certain reference rates, or by other predetermined methods. Such interest payments will constitute each Special Purpose Subsidiary's only income and will be used by it to pay monthly dividends or distributions on the Preferred Securities issued by it and dividends or distributions on the common stock or the general partnership interests of such Special Purpose Subsidiary.

Dividend payments or distributions on the Preferred Securities will be made monthly, will be cumulative and must be made to the extent that funds are legally available. However, each Operating Company will have the right to defer payment of interest on its Notes for up to five years, provided that, if dividends or distributions on the Preferred Securities of any series are not paid for up to 18 consecutive months, then the holders of the Preferred Securities of such series may have the right to appoint a trustee, special general partner or other special