

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Shipbuilding Orderbook and Shipyard Employment.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0029.

Form Number: MA-832.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1997.

Summary of Collection of Information: The collection consists of form MA-832 to gather information, including shipyard orderbook and shipyard employment of production workers distributed by various categories of work in the shipyards by calendar year and quarter as well as projections for firm work in the same categories. Also included is information on schedule of current orderbook construction dates providing details by ship type.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary to perform the reviews required by sections 210 and 211 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

Description of Respondents: U.S. shipyards which agree to complete the information collection and return it to the Maritime Administration.

Annual Responses: 200.

Annual Burden: 100 hours.

Comments: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Joel C. Richard, Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR-120, Room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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Application of Foreign Underwriters To Write Marine Hull Insurance

[Docket No. M-026]

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) has received an application under 46 CFR Part 249 from Ace Limited, a Bermuda based underwriter, to write marine hull insurance on subsidized and Title XI program vessels.

In accordance with 46 CFR 249.7(b) interested persons are hereby afforded an opportunity to bring to MARAD's attention any discriminatory laws or practices relating to the placement of marine hull insurance which may exist in the applicant's country of domicile.

Responses to this notice must be sent to the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, and must be received by close of business on December 16, 1996.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33292]

Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc.— Acquisition Exemption—Burlington Northern Railroad Company

Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc. (KER), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire 139.3 miles of rail line from the Burlington Northern Railroad Company between milepost 483.0 east of Augusta, KS, and milepost 343.7 west of Columbus, KS.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on November 15, 1996.

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33293, *South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Kansas Eastern Railroad, Inc.*, wherein KER will enter into a trackage rights agreement with South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. for the operation of the line being acquired by KER.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33292, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Karl Morell, Esq., Ball Janik LLP, Suite 225, 1455 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005

Dated: November 21, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33297]

Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company—Operation Exemption— Lines of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority

Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company (N&BE), a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption to operate 6.8 miles of lines owned by the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (Authority): (1) Between Tyrone (M.P. 0.0) and Vail (M.P. 3.0), in Blair County, PA; (2) between Mill Hall (M.P. 51.5) and Lock Haven (M.P. 54.3), in Clinton County, PA. In addition, N&BE will operate Authority's Mill Hall Industrial Track from milepost 13, in Castanea, PA, to milepost 14, in Mill Hall, PA.

The earliest the transaction could be consummated was November 19, 1996, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1150.41. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33297, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Richard R. Wilson, Esq., Vuono & Gray, 2310 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Telephone: (412) 471-1800.

Decided: November 21, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 33284]

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority— Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Consolidated Rail Corporation

SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (Authority), a rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49