

In its original request (see 60 Federal Register No. 230, November 30, 1995) NYDOT requested a waiver from certain requirements of 49 CFR Part 213, *Track Safety Standards*, for the purpose of operating Rohr Turboliner trainsets at up to eight inches of cant deficiency on the Empire Corridor extending from New York City, New York, to Niagara Falls, New York.

NYDOT now requests to add the National Railroad Passenger Corporation's (Amtrak) equipment to its request: FL-9, FL-9 AC, Genesis I and II locomotives, Bombardier Shoreliner coaches, M-1 and M-3 electric-propelled coaches. NYDOT also proposes to limit its request to underbalance levels up to six inches and limit the territory of its request to that portion of the Empire Corridor extending between Penn Station, New York, and Poughkeepsie, New York, over track owned by Amtrak and Metro-North Commuter Railroad.

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proceeding by submitting written views, data, or comments on this petition. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning this proceeding should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket No. RST-95-3) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 7051, Washington, DC 20005.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 25, 1996.

Phil Olekszyk,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.  
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## Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33264]

### Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has agreed to grant non-exclusive overhead trackage rights to Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company (IHB) over Conrail's Bernice Line from its connection with trackage which IHB operates at Dolton, Cook County, IL (M.P. 293.4±) to Acme Steel, Riverdale, Cook County, IL (M.P. 294.9±).

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on November 26, 1996.

The trackage rights will enable IHB to provide rail service to Acme Steel.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it 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. 33264, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Roger A. Serpe, Esq., Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company, 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1460, Chicago, IL 60604.

Decided: November 26, 1996.

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

Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Currently, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Merger Application.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 3, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0016. These submissions may be hand delivered to 1700 G Street, NW. From 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on business days; they may be sent by facsimile transmission to FAX Number (202) 906-7755. Comments over 25 pages in length should be sent to FAX Number (202) 906-6956. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on business days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Pamela Schaar, Corporate Activities Division, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-7205.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Merger Application.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0016.

*Form Number:* OTS Form 1588.

*Abstract:* The Bank Merger Act and OTS regulations require thrifts that propose to combine with either another thrift or insured depository institution to obtain written approval from the OTS.

*Current Actions:* OTS is proposing to renew this information collection without revision.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or For Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 96.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 36 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,456 hours.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will